



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: SEPT. 4, 2020**

ATTENDANCE:

Interim Commissioner of Education Kevin C. Brown
Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
Incoming KDE Commissioner of Education, Jason Glass
KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster
Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Affairs Connie White
Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH)
Title III English Language Learners Program Consultant Jessica Sanderson, KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support
KDE Division Director David Cook,

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Opening Comments

Presenter: Kevin C. Brown

Summary of Discussion:

Good conversations with schools that are opening before the recommended start date.
Social emotional impact of COVID-19.
Weighing harms vs. consequences of in-school attendance vs. virtual attendance.
Discussions with DPH are occurring.

Agenda Item: Healthy at Schools Update

Presenter: Kelly Foster

Summary of Discussion:

Guiding Question: How can boards work with their districts and local public health departments to ensure a safe and healthy start to the school year?

Expectations and Best Practices discussed.

Recent change to Healthy at Schools document (update): Pages 7, 8, 9, 10 & 13 are updated. The use of cloth mask coverings is required by all students and staff at all times unless medically documented.

Students can lower masks at recess if they are 6 feet apart. The updated guidance applies to 1st grade and above. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that students over the age of two can wear a mask. The local district can require preschool and kindergarten students to wear masks if they choose to do so.

Agenda Item: Kentucky Department for Public Health UpdatePresenter: Dr. Connie White

Summary of Discussion:

Website presented: <https://91-divoc.com/>

91-DIVOC is home to many data-forward, high-quality, interactive, and informative visualizations made during the global pandemic.

Tables show COVID-19 cases from Monday to Sunday night every week since March.

Spikes seen have created mask mandates, restaurants reduced capacity, and bars closed. Tables show the leveling off after these mandates, but still have not seen the decline in cases.

Germany viewed and shows that they started school when there was a significant decline in cases. France also returned during the decline.

KYCOVID19.KY.GOV website will show the daily average incident rate by county. Currently, the majority of Kentucky counties are “community spread.”

There is a concern that those who are crossing county lines (employees, deliveries, etc.) can increase the spread of the virus.

COVID cases are showing up in the 20-39 year old age range.

Right now, our position is very different than summer.

Questions/Comments:

Woodford County borders Fayette County, which is showing an increase in numbers of COVID cases. Woodford has low amounts at this time. There will be some employees and individuals traveling between these counties which can increase the spread. Communities have to do what is necessary to prevent the spread of the disease by using all precautions.

Question: Are we still looking at the 4% positivity rate in determining the opening of schools?

The focus is not as focused on the percentage as they were previously.

Question: How do you make your superintendent understand the significance of the virus and use caution?

Public health vs. public health. There are not good answers during this time as the decisions are incredibly challenging. Looking at data is critical.

Agenda Item: English Learners Guidance

Presenter: Jessica Sanderson

Summary of Discussion:

Guiding Question: How can boards help support English language development through in their districts through remote learning?

Guidance document presented and reviewed for schools focused on ELL considerations during reopening. Obligations are legalities which need to be met.

In order to receive ELL services a WIDA screener must be administered and it must be issued in person, not virtually. The student can be placed in ELL temporarily until the WIDA screener can be given and a permanent placement is issued.

Waiver of identification timeline does not exist.

KDE's COVID-19 webpage has the most updated information:
<https://education.ky.gov/federal/progs/eng/Pages/English-Learner-and-Immigrant-Resources.aspx>

Agenda Item: NTI Support Services

Presenter: David Cook

Summary of Discussion:

The team is committed to providing district staff and teachers with the support and tools necessary for successful in-person, virtual, and blended instruction. A resource site has been designed and implemented containing resources and tools to assist during virtual learning.

NTI Support Services Request form has also been developed for teachers and district staff to request additional supports for NTI.

Website:

[https://education.ky.gov/school/innov/Pages/Non-Traditional-Instruction-\(NTI\)-Support-Services.aspx](https://education.ky.gov/school/innov/Pages/Non-Traditional-Instruction-(NTI)-Support-Services.aspx)

Comments regarding face to face instruction or virtual instruction:

Hardin County: Teachers are going the extra mile to keep students safe. A/B schedule has worked well. All schools have remained open thus far. Cumberland Health Group is working closely with the district.

Jefferson County: "Hot spot" district is leery about sports contact and what will happen to the stats. Recorded instruction by the teachers is wonderful for the learners (watch again, pause instruction) and the interactions between peers/teacher are strong.

Nelson County: Family meetings keep them updated on what is currently happening, what the needs are for students, and if additional support is needed for academics, mental, or physical health.

Kelly Foster: 14 students/1 instructor can be brought into a school at one time, even during full non-traditional instruction (NTI). Two hours are allowed at one time. Evaluation, labs, CTE hands-on, mental health or academic counseling, OT, PT, or speech, targeted remediation or tutoring. Areas are fully cleaned afterwards. Great for younger students who really need the face-to-face.

Added Discussion:

Presenter: IKDE nterim Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman

Items:

Superintendent profiles are featured in the Kentucky Teacher publication.

<https://www.kentuckyteacher.org/>

Student Advisory Council is established with new members and 9 returning members. Next meeting is Sept. 15. Student member on the Board of Education (2-year term).

Coverings for Kids established to support students and their school communities throughout the Commonwealth as districts prepare for the start of the school year. Coverings for Kids is an

effort to collect mask donations – homemade or otherwise – to provide to Kentucky schools at no cost and alleviate some of the stress that some face during this time.