



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)
SUMMARY
NOV. 5, 2025**

ATTENDANCE: Wayne Ackerman, Matt Baker, Carrie Ballinger, Larry Begley, Wes Bradley, Robin Cochran, Thom Cochran, Bob Lawson, Barry Lee, Matthew Madding, Chad Molley, Todd Neace, Brian Robinson, Mike Rowe, John Siler, Sarah Wasson, Leonard Whalen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Abell, Buddy Berry, Ralph Hamilton, Sheri Satterly, Seth Southard, Brian Yearwood

Agenda Item: Overview of School Facilities Construction Commission Offers of Assistance
Presenters: Kristi Russell, Executive Director; Krystal Smith, Executive Advisor, School Facilities Construction Commission

Summary of Discussion: Kristi Russell reviewed the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) and its role in distributing state funding for school construction and technology based on district needs. The legislature allocated \$40M this year (down from \$85M last year); SFCC requested an additional \$60M, pending approval. Construction Offers of Assistance cannot be used for athletic facilities. Emergency and Targeted Investment Funds (ETIF) may be available for districts facing unforeseen emergencies or facilities deemed structurally uninhabitable. Discussion included exploring other states' K-12 construction funding models for potential improvements.

Agenda Item: Superintendent's Duty to Report Misconduct under KRS 161.120(3)
Presenter: Cassie Trueblood, Policy Advisor and Counsel, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: Cassie Trueblood reviewed Education Professional Standards Board's authority under KRS 161.120 to take disciplinary action for misconduct, including violations of the Professional Code of Ethics (16 KAR 1:020). Superintendents must report suspected misconduct within 30 days. She outlined reporting methods, required contents, and consequences for noncompliance. Superintendents raised concerns about outside agencies filing complaints without notifying them, leaving districts unaware and legally vulnerable. They suggested amending the statute to ensure superintendents are informed when investigations involve their employees.

Agenda Item: Local Accountability Design Guide and Toolkit
Presenter: Sarah Snipes, Division Director; Robert Meacham, Program Manager, Division of Innovation, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

Summary of Discussion: Sarah Snipes presented information about the [Local Accountability Design Guide and Toolkit](#). Developed in collaboration with districts, the University of Kentucky's Center for Next Generation Leadership and the Ohio Valley Educational

Cooperative's ElevatED Studios, the guide provides a step-by-step approach, real examples from across the Commonwealth and practical tools to help schools and communities design accountability systems that reflect local priorities and create vibrant learning experiences for every student. Snipes said the toolkit includes frameworks, rubrics, examples and templates that are flexible so districts can incorporate their community's values and priorities. For additional information or support, please contact KDE Innovative Programs Consultant [Rob Collins](#).

Next Meeting:

Feb. 25, 2026

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