



Kentucky United We Learn Council
January 23, 2026 8:30 a.m. ET
300 Sower Blvd, 1st floor, Training Room A-C, Frankfort, KY
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Purpose: As a body that recommends new policy and practice or recommends changes to existing policy and practice, the Kentucky United We Learn Council is establishing structures and systems that are consistent with its purpose of supporting inclusive state and local co-creation and facilitating local ownership of solutions that will support the three big ideas of United We Learn. The council partners with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to advance the work laid out in the United We Learn report.

Council Moonshot: “To build a prosperous Kentucky, we will launch an accountability system that is meaningful and useful to all our learners.”

AGENDA

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- I. Welcome and Announcements**
Karen Dodd, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
- II. Agenda Review and Ice-Breaker Activity**
Jim Flynn, Council Chair, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents
Brandy Howard, Council Vice Chair, Bullitt County Schools
- III. Opening Remarks**
Robbie Fletcher, Commissioner of Education
- IV. Resource Review**
Alexa Hardin, KDE
- V. Bridging Reimagining Assessment and Accountability to High School Transformation**
Lillian Pace, Knowledgeworks; Representatives from Kentucky Student Voice Team,
Allen County, STEAM and Hazard High School
- VI. Assessment and Accountability through High School Transformation**
Lu Young, Kentucky Board of Education Vice Chair

- VII. Lunch**
- VIII. Presentation from Ignite Institute**
Jerome Gels, Principal
- IX. Discussion Panel**
Karen Perry, UK Center for Next Generation Leadership
- X. Work session**
Susan Dugle, UK Center for Next Generation Leadership
- XI. Reflection and Next Steps**
Jim Flynn, Council Chair, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents
Brandy Howard, Council Vice Chair, Bullitt County Schools
- XII. Adjournment**
Karen Dodd, KDE