



Kentucky United We Learn Council
July 24, 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.

AGENDA

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- I. Welcome, Logistics and Announcements**
Karen Dodd, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
- II. Agenda Review**
Brandy Howard, Council Chair, Bullitt County Schools
NEW Vice Chair
- III. CGSA Grant Evaluation**
Art Thacker, HumRRO
- IV. Opening Remarks**
Robbie Fletcher, Commissioner of Education
- V. Strategic Dashboard Overview**
Susan Strange, KDE
- VI. Local Indicators of Quality: How It's Working in Districts**
Sarah Snipes, KDE
- VII. Kentucky Essential Skills Alignment Focus Groups**
Sarah Snipes, KDE
- VIII. High School Transformation**
Juston Pate, Work Group Chair & Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) Member

Lu Young, KBE Vice Chair

IX. Lunch

X. LED Signs Presentation and Activity

Krista Thompson, Muhlenberg County High School
Roger Taylor, KDE

XI. District Presentations

Travis Hamby and Shane Humphrey, Allen County Schools
Brian Creasman, Michelle Hunt and Austin Hart, Fleming County Schools

XII. KY Policy Implementation Study: Initial Findings

Lillian Pace, Knowledgeworks

XIII. Work Session

Karen Perry, UK Center for Next Generation Leadership
Lu Young, UK Center for Next Generation Leadership and KBE Vice Chair

XIV. Reflection and Next Steps

Brandy Howard, Council Chair, Bullitt County Schools
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XV. Adjournment

Karen Dodd, KDE