

June 2025 KY K-12 CIOs/EdTech Leader's agenda

KY K-12 EdTech Funding:

- KDE's reconsideration request to the US Dept of Education (USDOE) was denied by the USDOE for \$4.3M in federal Education Support Funds (aka ESSER) for SY2025-2026 for OET shared services to all districts and KDE organizations (e.g., IC online registration, IC Campus Learning, Cybersecurity, CUES, e-Transcripts).
- The US House voted last week to eliminate all funding for the Corporation of Public Broadcasting. This would most likely impact the funding that provides (a) the PBS Learning Media service that is used by a high percentage KY K-12 schools, (b) the PBS programs for students and (c) the Kentucky Educational Television (KET) programs for KY K-12 schools and KY homes. The US Senate votes on this next.
- The Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) was selected by the KY Board of Education (KBE) as one of their Top 5 funding priorities for the 2026 legislative session.
- SY2025-2026 KETS Operational Plan will be shared with districts on July 15th during the July's monthly webcast for KY K-12 CIOs and EdTech Leaders and on August 6th and 7th during the KBE meeting.

Policy, Strategy and Legislation

- Update on status of study of KY Dept of Education (KDE) by Ky Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) and the Public Consulting Group (PCG). KDE received draft report on June 6 and has until 23 June to respond.
- Update on the KY School Board Association (KSBA) and the KY K-12 Responsible Use Policy (RUP).
- Update on 2025's Senate Bill 181 as it relates to traceable communication system when KY K-12 adults are digitally communicating to KY K-12 students. [Ky. educators react to new law barring staff from contacting students outside permitted apps, 'There's still more work to be done' | Oldham Era | pmg-ky1.com, JCPS to implement Kentucky law requiring traceable communication when contacting students | Education | wdrb.com, EKY lawmakers, school](#)

[staff discuss Senate Bill 181, New bill in Kentucky bans school staff from contacting students via social media | News | wevv.com](#)

KY K-12 EdTech Services and Projects:

- Update on the KY K-12 Internet Management System implementation (aka transition to GoGuardian) in KY K-12 organizations.
- KY K-12 Firewall service's role in Internet filtering.
- Update on the transition from Microsoft Active Directory to the KY K-12 Connected User Experience System (CUES) with Identity Automation in all 171 districts and 3 KDE organizations.
- Kentucky's online Summative Assessment (KSA) testing. New state record.