

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top-left portion shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on their fronts. The bottom-left portion shows a classroom with blue walls, several desks with chairs, and colorful balloons. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

CPE Board Meeting

KDE Update

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E D U C A T I O N

Governor Appoints Three New Kentucky Board of Education Members; Reappoints Four Others

- Gov. Andy Beshear appointed Juston Pate, Mike Borchers and Paul Long to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).
 - Pate has served as president and CEO of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College since January 2017. He will represent Supreme Court District 2.
 - Borchers retired as superintendent of Ludlow Independent in June after 13 years in the role. He spent his entire 29-year career in Ludlow, including time as a teacher, coach and administrator. He will represent Supreme Court District 6.
 - Long has been a lawyer in Stanford for more than three decades. He served as Lincoln County Attorney from 1990-1997 and is currently on the Lincoln County Industrial Board. He will represent Supreme Court District 3.
- Beshear also reappointed four members to the KBE: Holly Bloodworth, Steve Trimble, Sharon Porter Robinson and Lu S. Young.

KDE Seeking Nominations for 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

- The [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#) is not a scholarship; however, all scholars will be honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program in June 2025 in Washington, D.C.
- Each school may nominate three high school seniors: one male, one female and one career and technical education (CTE) student of any gender. KDE has more information about [the criteria for CTE student candidates](#).
- Schools are encouraged to nominate students who, while demonstrating outstanding scholarship, might not otherwise be nominated through the current ACT/SAT or arts recognition processes.
- For the arts component, students must participate in the [YoungArts program through the National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists](#).
- Application deadline is Nov. 1.



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NOMINATION & APPLICATION DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 1, 2024



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Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

- The convening on July 29 was successful.
- The Kentucky Board of Education held a discussion at its August meeting. Members were actively engaged in conversation and provided questions to take into the study phase.
- Version 4.0 of the assessment/accountability prototype is in development, which will be shared broadly along with another survey. We need **EVERYONE** to respond to get the best results!
- Kentucky United We Learn Council is now moving into the study phase.



Statewide Chronic Absenteeism Campaign Begins

- KDE kicked off a campaign to raise awareness about chronic absenteeism in August.
- In August and again in January, KDE will be running billboards and ads on radio, streaming and TV to highlight what our students miss when they are not in school.
- [KDE's Chronic Absenteeism webpage](#) is being updated to provide you with more tools and ideas on how to combat chronic absenteeism.
- You'll hear more later in this webcast about how chronic absenteeism is impacting Kentucky.
- For more information or to share what is working in your district, please email [Florence Chang](#) in KDE's Division of Student Success.



2025 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Ceremony

- KDE celebrated nine Teacher Achievement Award winners at a ceremony at the Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda on Sept. 10.
- Jennifer Montgomery, an English teacher at Eminence Independent Middle School, was named as the 2025 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. She also was named the middle school division winner.
- Barren County's Scott Johnson was the finalist from the elementary school division.
- Boone County's Hayley Dant was the finalist from the high school division.
- Congratulations to all of the Teacher Achievement Award winners!



From left, Scott Johnson, Jennifer Montgomery and Hayley Dant

Teacher Shortage Survey

- KDE is asking superintendents to participate in the Kentucky Educator Shortage Survey Fall 2024.
- The purpose of the survey is to gather facts about the number of vacant certified and classified positions and the ways those vacancies were filled, if filled at all.
- The data will allow KDE to identify shortage areas in Kentucky and to report to the Kentucky Legislature to inform decisions regarding support for recruiting and retaining school personnel. The data focuses on the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.
- Please view the [Kentucky Educator Shortage Survey blank form](#) beforehand to see what the survey will ask for.
- Once you start entering information into the [Kentucky Educator Shortage Survey Fall 2024 Google Form](#), you will not have the option to save it before submitting it, so having all of the relevant information beforehand will be important.

ARP Late Liquidation Extension Request

- One request on behalf of KDE and districts submitted by KDE on Aug. 14, 2024
- APPROVED by U.S. Department of Education (USED) on Sept. 10, 2024
- Liquidation Period through March 28, 2026
- Limited to those district projects or purchases that were included in the late liquidation extension request
- Drawdowns of funds require USED approval. KDE will request authorization.

Grant Opportunity for Kentucky Teachers

The Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky (ATBHK)



- Mini grant opportunity for teachers in K-12th grade to support work around preserving Kentucky's Black history.
- Grant is focused on supporting projects or lesson ideas on Kentucky's Black history.
- Funds can be used for field trips, teaching materials, conferences and special projects.
- Grant amount: \$250-500
- [Apply for a mini grant](#) through the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky mini-application. For more information email: robinsons2@berea.edu.