**Summary of the March Webcast for KY K-12 Education**

**Technology Leaders from the 300 Building, Frankfort**

**In case you missed it or want a refresher, the following is what we talked about during the March 19, 2019 webcast from the 300 Building in Frankfort.**

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<https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/2019/03/edtech-webcast-march-2019/>

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<http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/>. Numbers in **RED** indicate the timestamp for that portion of the discussion so it can be easily located on the full digital recording.

In attendance from KDE’s Office of Education Technology were David Couch, Mike Leadingham, Marty Park and DeDe Conner. There were no GoSoapBox questions posed during today’s abbreviated webcast.

**(00:36) 2019 Legislative Session:** We will discuss this in more depth during April’s webcast, but wanted to  make you aware of legislation that has made it completely through the legislative process and impact KY K-12 education technology. SB1 is currently the only bill that has made it through the entire process. It was signed by the Governor, has an emergency clause that makes it effective immediately, and it does have an education technology component. Keep in mind the people side of the school safety issue is very important and having the capacity/resources. We are having discussions with Homeland Security and the Center for School Safety in regard to implementation of the email, voice, and mobile app requirements of an anonymous reporting tool as they are called for in the SB1 language.

**(02:03) E-rate Submission Deadline of March 27th:** E-rate applications need to be in by 11:59 p.m. on March 27th. This is the fifth year of a five-year budget window, but it is confusing. The rule says the five-year window will close in 2019. We do not know if that window slides to 2020 for those who did not receive funding until the 2nd year; in essence, a sliding fifth year. The FCC meets this summer and they could make some adjustments in the categories and timelines. We strongly encourage you to file for any needed category 2 funding to maximize your chances of receiving funding. If you have purchased all the components you need and everything is still under warranty, it is wise to be a good steward of federal monies; however, if you do have items you still need, don’t let this opportunity pass to bring your district technology needs forward. It is much easier to defend leaving monies on the table if a district is flush and has fully utilized the funding opportunities. There will be eyes on this topic at the national level and we want to take full advantage of this opportunity

**(10:14) KETS 3rd Offer of Assistance:** The 3rd offer of $5/ADA is moving forward in the first of April.

**(10:37) KY Schools Directory:** There will not be a paper version of the school directory produced any longer. This is now an online directory and uses the data/roles in People Manager; these roles are also being used to populate the distribution lists used for mailings. Superintendents received communication to take some time to review those roles and local demographic information for accuracy before March 20th.

**(12:06) Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC):** The deadline for certification/submission of your local data is April 24th. Fifteen districts have been certified so far with a little over a month remaining. KDE pre-loaded the information we can and, if you are not the right person, please forward this on and make sure it is moving forward.

**(12:54)** [**Front Door**](https://education.ky.gov/districts/data/Pages/Front-Door-Project.aspx) **Project:** The deadline is April 22nd. If you have had changes in the “front door” address of your schools, it is now time to update that information and make sure you are on the map! This information gets submitted to the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) for the Geographic Information System (GIS) that is accessed and utilized by Homeland Security.

**(13:41) School Report Card:**  The next release in May will include the finance data and it will be the final release for year one. We are now working on year two changes. Districts and schools are required to send this out to parents through the local paper that has the largest circulation.

**(14:55) Infinite Campus/KSIS training:**  Regional KDE updates are happening over the next few weeks; check out the [KSIS Training](https://education.ky.gov/districts/tech/sis/Pages/KSIS-Training.aspx) page for all the details on this and upcoming end of year trainings.

**(17:38) KEN Rack/Out of Band Mgt. Projects:** We have a green light on the network switch replacement in the district KEN rack to occur this early summer through the KIH3 contract. The equipment is out of date and out of warranty. Solutions to both of these have been identified and we will begin work on these very soon. As we do with all of our upgrade projects, it will be scheduled in such a way that will result in minimal downtime at the district level.

**(20:08) KHSAA Esports Update:** We don’t want districts to alter general settings in the Internet Content Management software or ports without KDE’s prior knowledge or approval. This is mainly because we don’t want this to have any negative impact/consequences on the bandwidth during prime instructional hours. The average person is usually oblivious of the effect their work has on the network. Some applications have minimal impact but others are real bandwidth hogs. The appropriate window of time these are used is very important and will have to be addressed and monitored. The KHSAA is supportive of this approach.

**(26:10) STLP Update:**

* Our STLP Engineers did a fantastic job at the KySTE Conference
* March 24th is the deadline to register for the STLP State Championship! Please help get the word out. The championship is set for April 18th and all the details are being worked out and this should be an amazing day. Our next district edtech webcast will be live at the STLP State Championship as well and it will be exciting.
* April 22nd and 23rd is the Technology Student Association (TSA) [State Conference](http://www.kentuckytsa.org/state.html); it will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville. We plan to be more involved and tuned in with TSA happenings.  Contact Mark Harrell if you have any questions.

Thanks for joining us today for this abbreviated webcast and we’ll see you next month from Rupp Arena.