Summary of the April Webcast for KY K-12 Education Technology Leaders from STLP State Championship/Rupp Arena

In case you missed it or want a refresher, the following is what we talked about during the April 18, 2019 webcast from the STLP State Championship at Rupp Arena.

Access the digital video and audio copy for this webcast through our webpage at: https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/district-technology-leadership-webcast/2019/04/edtech-webcast-april-2019/.

Public viewing of the archived webcasts and written summaries are also available on the KDE Media Portal at: 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, and DeDe Conner. We broadcast live today from the Rupp Arena floor where we have 15,000-20,000 students, teachers, parents, and volunteers participating in the day's events. The STLP event counts on volunteers/organizations at the district, regional and state levels and it provides a great experience for our students. There were five GoSoapBox questions posed during today's webcast.

Metcalfe County's Superintendent, Benny Lile, joined us today on the STLP stage. Benny was one of our original KETS Coordinators in the early days of the KETS program in the 1990s before taking several leadership roles in Barren and Metcalfe counties. Benny took a few moments and spoke to how our dream was always for education technology in the schools to become transparent and fully integrated into the delivery/support of instruction. He feels we have realized this dream and STLP provides leadership opportunities for students to blossom and gain crucial technology/leadership skills. As Benny approaches the end of this part of his career, he hopes to always to be able to continue to support education technology and STLP in his future endeavors.

(9:05) **2019 Legislative Session Update –** The 2019 session has come to an end and SB1 on school security was passed into law and went into effect immediately. It does have a significant education technology component. We are having discussions with the KY Homeland Security Office and the KY Center for School Safety in regard to implementation of the email, voice, text and mobile app requirements of an anonymous reporting tool as they are called for in the SB1 language.

1. SB1 calls for an anonymous reporting tool. The reporting tool shall be accessible at least by telephone call, electronic e-mail, and a mobile device application. Which one do you see as being the primary tool used by students, parents, and community members in your district?

35 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Telephone Call	4	11%	
Electronic email	2	6%	
Mobile device application	8	23%	
Text Messaging	21	60%	

Text messaging was not mandated, but the capability for this already exists from the KY Center for School Safety through the STOPit solution. The responses support what we expected to be the most popular platform for reporting; staffing and resources to support this will need to be addressed.

We also keep our eye on those bills that impact KY K-12 edtech that are introduced but do not make it completely through the legislative process; they will likely reappear in a future legislative session in the same or slightly revised format. One of the bills that did not get passed into law dealt with Internet content management while at home. Where does the responsibility of the school end and the parents' responsibility begin? Another consideration is whether the student is able to take their school-provided device home. We are working on a guidance document that will cover these topics.

SB175 on accountability indirectly affects education technology through the school report card and we will continue to update you on that as well.

(15:42) KY K-12 E-rate Update - We had major success maximizing the category 1 options as well as the unique opportunity of a 5-year window for category 2 funding in regards to getting E-rate discounts/rebates submissions in by the March 27th deadline. Kentucky applied for over \$52M of pre-discounted services and this equates to up to \$43.5M in federal funds coming back to Kentucky K-12. Now that this portion of the process is complete, it is important to respond to the funding commitment letters within the 120-day window.
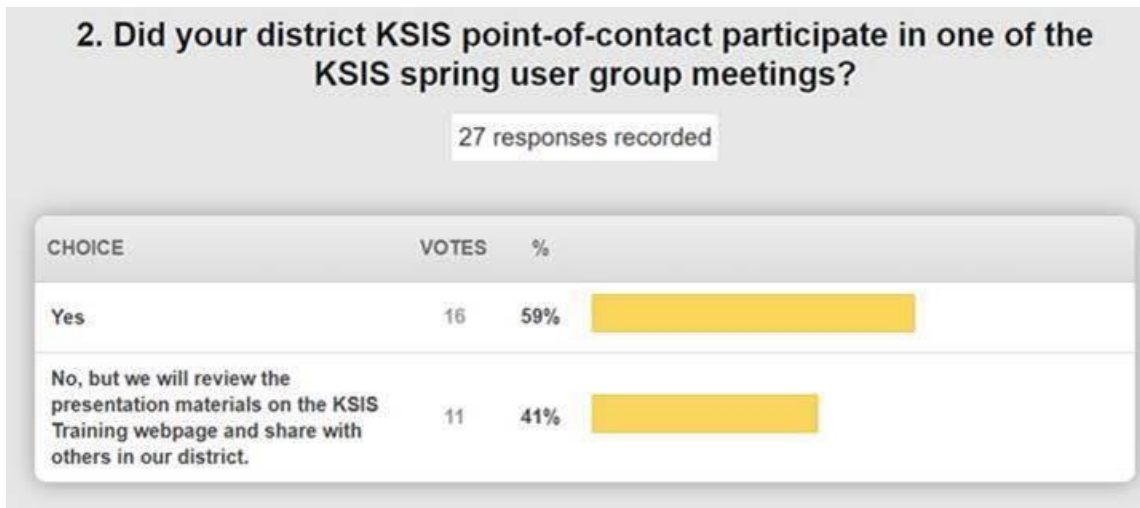
(18:44) KETS Financial Offer of Assistance Update – The third KETS offer of assistance to school districts is in process; it is \$5/ADA and letters began going out through the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) earlier this week. Next year's offers are currently estimated to be the same as last year.

(23:45) Online Testing Update - A large field test of online testing throughout KY K-12 schools began on April 15th and ends around April 26th. This test focused on summative reading and math skills for 10th grade students (approximately 49,000). There will also be testing for 11th grade students in science and on-demand writing that will begin April 8th and continue until two weeks before the end of the school year. Please let us know of concerns and lessons learned through this field test. Kentucky has seen great success in online testing and much of that is contributed to our statewide network infrastructure and our commitment to maximize network availability/capacity. This will also be a major factor in our upcoming additional budget request that goes to the next legislative session.
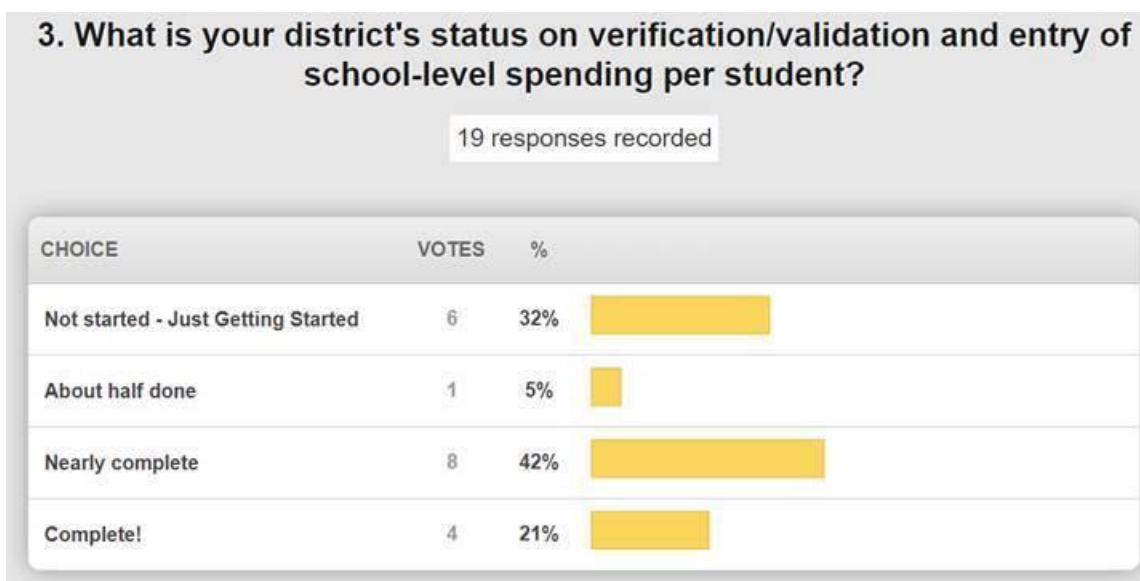
(30:55) KY K-12 CIO Summit Follow-up – There were some common themes from the 3 topics of the KY K-12 CIO Summit that we see from reviewing the summary responses of the 21 tables of KY K-12 CIOs/edtech leaders that participated in those 3 discussions. We intend to share this with you and spend time during upcoming webcasts on the progress in these areas. Internet content management responsibility from the home will be a big focus as we discussed earlier and we will continue to emphasize the six pillar of education technology leadership. We plan to fast track the password change as discussed as well as putting together a plan for the management of stale accounts. Virus protection recommendations are mixed and will take a little more time.

(35:01) KY K-12 Data Systems/Initiatives Update –
- Infinite Campus User Group training had great participation and we appreciate you passing that information along! If you didn't have any district participation, please refer to the KSIS Training page for this and other upcoming training sessions. End of year training is up next; we stick to a strict agenda schedule so that participants can join in and/or leave according to items of interest on the agenda.

2. Did your district KSIS point-of-contact participate in one of the KSIS spring user group meetings?

27 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes	16	59%	
No, but we will review the presentation materials on the KSIS Training webpage and share with others in our district.	11	41%	

- School Report Card – The spring release is just about ready. District CFOs are entering and verifying data right now in anticipation of the April 30th closing window for a May 3rd release. In the coming months, we will be looking at the various data access points and how we can improve the communications/awareness efforts on our data collections and reports.

3. What is your district's status on verification/validation and entry of school-level spending per student?

19 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Not started - Just Getting Started	6	32%	
About half done	1	5%	
Nearly complete	8	42%	
Complete!	4	21%	

- Front Door – If you relocated "front doors" or new construction, please update or enter these new geographic coordinates. This data is used by the Commonwealth Office of Technology, it is included in our School Report Card data, and it is utilized by other state agency.

4. Does your district have any new or relocated facilities to require updates of the geographic coordinates?

33 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes	3	9%	
No	30	91%	

- Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) – We are coming up on the April 22nd deadline for data submission on this federal data collection. We are hopeful that most of your districts have that completed.

5. Has your district completed the CRDC 2017-18 collection?

21 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes	13	62%	
No	8	38%	

(47:00) FIRE Summit Update – The Forging Innovation in Rural Education (FIRE) Summit was held on April 16th and had over 180 different presentations. It could have easily been called the Teacher Technology Leadership Program. Probably 90% or better of the presentations included the use of technology or how to integrate the use of the technology. It was a surprise how much the primary teachers would like to have 1:1 implementations like the middle and high schools.

(51:38) Upcoming Items:
- People Side of KY K-12 Edtech presentations scheduled for GRECC on 1 May and WKEC on 22 May
- RFI issuance for KY K-12 Teacher Certification and Licensing System
- Windows 7 support by Microsoft ends January 2020
- The KETS annual edtech update and presentation of edtech needs is scheduled for the August KBE meeting

Thanks for joining us today at Rupp Arena!