**Summary of the June 2022 for KY K-12 Education**

**Technology Leaders’ Virtual Meeting**

In case you missed it or want a refresher, the following is what we talked about during the June 21, 2022 EdTech leaders’ virtual meeting. A copy of the video and audio can be found at:

<https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/2022/06/edtech-webcast-june-2022-1/>.

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.

This was a virtual meeting with our OET staff and all the districts joining via Microsoft Teams and/or YouTube. We will continue to make these available from our KDE media portal so that you can watch the archived discussion and share with the appropriate people in your district. Several GoSoapBox poll questions were posed throughout the meeting and district EdTech leaders were asked to respond to all the questions as it assists us in planning and getting a feel for how to best move forward. Your voice and your feedback are important and extremely helpful to us. Please remember that in addition to these webcasts being available on the KDE Media Portal, each month’s webcast is accompanied by these written summaries. We encourage you to share the link and all or any portion of these summary notes with staff throughout your district who may find the information beneficial to them in their position.

**(2:47)** **Chief State School Officers Organization (CCSSO) Update -** David was out last month during our webcast and for the first time in 26 months he was able to go meet in person with his peers of the other 49 states at the CCSSO Network. Other OET Leadership attended/presented as well and it is always nice to see how well respected Kentucky is in the area of K-12 education technology and cybersecurity. OET has been blessed to have continuity with very engaged and capable team members. There are a handful of states that are similar to Kentucky and we collaborate with and look to them as helpful peers—North Carolina, Wisconsin, Georgia and Delaware.

**(8:04) OET Retirement Update -** Andy Liaupsin was honored today for his service as he retires at the end of June. Andy began at OET when Rhody Streeter retired and he has been integral to the success of these webcasts for 13 years. Most district visits require a site visit beforehand or getting there early to setup and test. Andy has assisted districts and other KDE offices progress and be comfortable in working with video productions and broadcasts. The first Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) meeting was webcast in 2008; Kentucky was the first in the nation to do that. The first Superintendent webcast was in 2010. In addition to being awesome, it was a great time and money savings for participants who didn’t have to travel. Kentucky was once again the first in the nation to do that. KDE’s advisory groups were meeting via livestream even before this requirement was put into legislation to increase overall transparency.

Andy said this is the best job he’s ever had, and he’s had quite a few! Going to the districts and making those connections and seeing the communities has been a highlight of his time at KDE. The KBE presented Andy with a Kentucky Colonel at their June meeting to honor his service to education and the Commonwealth. He is leaving the program in Megan Osborn’s capable hands. We are going to miss his smiling face.



**(16:47) Annual Presentation/Approval of KETS Master Plan Need -** As required by regulation, each August, we identify the federal, state and local funds available to address the annual 2018-2024 KETS Master Plan needs. This will be presented to KY K-12 district CIOs/EdTech Leaders in greater detail during the July webcast before presenting to the KBE in August. You will see that we are currently in the best financial position we have been in over the past 30 years due to the many funding sources that are currently available to go towards the overall KETS operational need. Keep in mind that a large percentage of these funds are temporary and will expire after September 2024; good planning and management of current and future program funds is crucial.

**(17:24) KETS Financial Offers of Assistance Update –** As Mike sent out in his June 20th KETS Corner email to districts, the KETS Offer for SY 2022-2023 is projected at $21/ADA at this time. We’ll be using the same Average Daily Attendance or ADA calculation that is being used for SEEK; this has been a concern and we just wanted to clarify that for your planning purposes.

**(20:33) Full-Time Enrolled Online, Virtual and Remote Learning Programs Regulation Update –** We have an upcoming proposed regulation around KY K-12 full time enrolled online, virtual and remote learning. This was a collaborative effort of several offices across KDE and it was great to see everyone at the table. While full-time enrolled, online and virtual learning affects only a small percentage of our students overall at this time, it is an important and valuable option for those students who thrive in a virtual setting. We spent time unpacking this topic at the June KBE meeting and will be taking a regulation to the board in August. For the past two school years we have accomplished this through a waiver process to the attendance regulation, but it is now time to put something more permanent in place. The funding mechanics will be amended in the existing attendance regulation and then the introduction and discussion of these programs will be in this new regulatory language.

**(26:43) KY K-12 Cybersecurity Healthcheck Reminder -** By regulation, the annual KY K-12 Cybersecurity Healthcheck is due to be completed by KDE the agency and all 171 districts no later than the end of August. Please use this annual report and update as an opportunity to educate your Superintendent and local board. No other states appear to have this path to share and educate their local boards on the current state and needs of cybersecurity health.

**(28:23) KY K-12 Internet Service RFP Update –** We are nearing the finish line for issuance of the KY K-12 Internet service RFP for KDE the agency and all 171 school districts. This has to be been done in a timely fashion to meet the filing deadlines with the E-rate program as we go into FY23-24. This is moving forward, and we hope to be able to meet all the time constraints and have this in place.

**(29:28) Annual KY K-12 EdTech Vendor Partner Meeting Reminder –** We will be holding our annual vendor partner meeting on July 13th from 1 – 4 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting this year, but there will be a remote option available. Calendar invites have gone out and we’ll send out some updates as we get closer to this date.

**(31:43) GoSoapBox Poll Question Review –**



Please remember to check/verify/revise these contacts at least annually. Accessing through Open House is usually the easiest way to complete this task.



FERPA 101 and 201 trainings have been recorded and are available. We will make those links available to you.



Majority of participants today are familiar and sharing this. It’s a great website and very user friendly.





Have a great rest of the month! Thanks for joining us and we’ll see you next month.