

## Summary of the February 2023 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 February 21, 2023, EdTech leaders' virtual meeting. A copy of the video and audio can be found at: <https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/2023/02/edtech-february-2023/>.

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.

David was out attending a national Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) conference in Washington DC. The February webcast was moderated by Mike Leadingham along with participation of other OET Leadership team members.

**(2:37) KySTE Spring Conference Update** – Mary Ann Rankin, KySTE President, joined us this morning and shared an update on the upcoming KySTE Conference. We have an awesome collaboration with KySTE and we want to continue to celebrate our partnership. The board is super excited and 1600+ have registered for this awesome time of learning. There are many exciting sessions planned and three excellent featured speakers. The vendor hall is sold out and has a waiting list—it opens Wednesday @ 12:30 p.m. with food and prizes and then there is another dedicated vendor hall time with food and prizes on Thursday. The theme for this year's event is "**Adventure Awaits**" because edtech is always an adventure. Please download the KySTE Conference app and be building your schedule! The Outreach Grants will be awarded at the closing session and some of last year's winners are delivering sessions.

**(9:26) STLP Student Engineer Ambassadors** – Live from KDE-- We have some elite visitors here at the Sower Building this morning—the STLP Student Engineer Ambassador Team. These students represent the entire state. They will be having leadership conversations today with different KDE leadership and providing some valuable student voice. Looking forward to having an amazing day! They'll be providing tech support at the upcoming KySTE Conference led by Jim Seward and then we'll see them again as they are running the show at the STLP State Championship in April. As we concluded this segment, a few of the STLP student engineers shared their superpowers—troubleshooting, empowerment, research/resources.

**(18:11) Highlights of 2022 Top 5 Feedback** – We wanted to circle back and provide some highlights of the feedback we received from all 171 districts CIOs/EdTech Leaders. This is an annual exercise, and the feedback is very important to the continued success of the KETS program as we ask you to provide the top five things we did well, the top five things we either didn't do well or didn't get completed, and finally the goals we should have for the coming year.

Chuck Austin started us off and a general category that had a big presence throughout the feedback was security—access, identity, etc. In reviewing the "not well", we heard once again the frustration and needed areas of improvement with Lightspeed that we are currently addressing and working toward resolution. In looking at goals, everything associated with our connected user experience to provide an efficient, secure manner to access all that they need was a theme.

Bob Hackworth followed Chuck and focused on the security aspect by grouping the Security Baseline Project, the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) work and CUES; those together took up 25% of the comments just on their own. A few things specifically mentioned were the weekly/monthly security baseline meetings that were done very well, and the support documents were greatly appreciated. Lastly, having Microsoft directly involved was super helpful in our success. The feedback we receive from the districts really helps us fine tune our direction in security.

Phil Coleman pointed out the numerous positive comments in relation to the KETS Service Desk. These are very appreciated, and we share these with our OET staff. Always take the opportunity to contact our KETS Service Desk; any call only helps us get better.

Marty pointed out some additional areas where we received feedback while giving a shoutout to the Areas of Emphasis and Areas of Improvement in our KETS Master Plan. A few areas mentioned quite a bit were training and learning, specifically technical training, information and onboarding for new folks. Another big topic that was mentioned in all areas of feedback was around funding and sustainability of technology funding and work at the district level. Linked to that was a goal of building strategies around that sustainability and the people side.

Dede commented that we don't normally receive as much feedback around the data world; however, we were able to do some really good things for the districts with the ESSER funds they may have had to fund on their own or done without. Infinite Campus Online Registration was one of those services and we've received lots of positive feedback and we continue to work on ways to sustain this service after September 2024.

Mike ended with commenting that it is always interesting how some topics, such as funding, show up in all three categories. Another area of concern receiving varying feedback is in the area of product standards, especially in the area of voice services.

**(33:49) KY K-12 CIO Summit Proposed Topics** – We are ramping up for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual CIO Summit at the KySTE Conference in Louisville on March 15. This is an opportunity where we can learn from you, and you also have the opportunity to learn from each other. The top five feedback drives the development of the topics to be discussed during this time. Here is a high-level overview of the CIO Summit topics:

1. We have funding challenges moving forward and we'll have some activity and discussion around that area.
2. We keep talking about the connected user experiences (CUES), but we'll have a topic around the "people side" impact of CUES. This involves the back-office side of CUES and all the players that will have to effectively work together to make sure we have an efficient opportunity for identity and access.
3. We are stepping outside of the box this year and having a lightning round. This will be quick and fun with all the topics coming directly from the top five feedback.

The behind-the-scenes work is ongoing, and all the planning is underway to get all the details lined out so that the CIO Summit will run smoothly. We work to make sure that different size districts and districts from different regions are seated together so you can hear from a variety of CIOs on experiences and challenges at their district.

A new thing this year is the Digital Learning Coach Summit and that is from 9:30 to 12:30 on Wednesday morning. This will be an exciting opportunity led by Laura Raganas and others specifically designed for our digital learning coach network.

**(42:33) Notification of New A8 School Classification Status** – There is a new school classification for online, virtual, and remote learning programs. If you do have programs that may fit in this new A8 classification, please look into this and see if it is a good fit for your schools. We are preparing and will be releasing a program guide and toolkit for high quality virtual and online learning programs. Ben Maynard is leading this effort and is available to assist you with any questions you may have.

4. A8 is a brand new school classification code that is intended to represent district level online, virtual, and remote learning programs. Do you think your district will be looking to reclassify any of your programs as an A8?

42 responses recorded

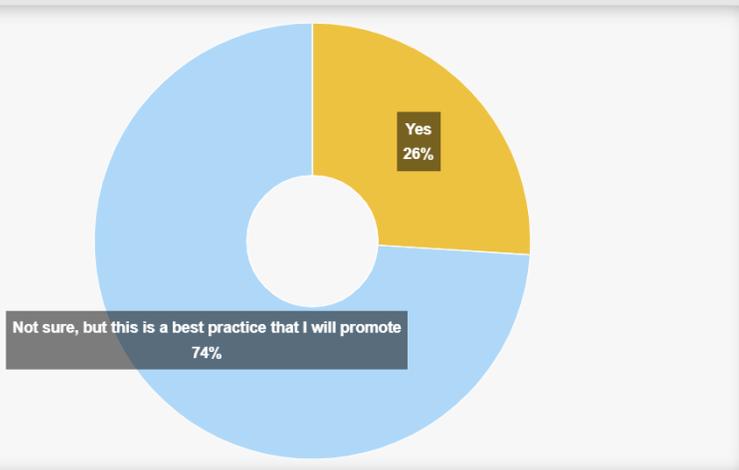
CHOICE	VOTES	%
Most likely	13	31%
Unlikely	23	55%
N/A - We do not have a virtual program	6	14%

**(46:21) Other Items to Note:**

- Award of the Next Generation Internet KY K-12 RFP to Education Networks of America (ENA); we have some initial, very intensive work to complete, and we'll be sharing more details and information in the near future. We are planning a dedicated meeting to discuss this prior to the upcoming CIO Summit so be looking for that invitation.
- Offers – 2<sup>nd</sup> KETS offer will begin in the next month
- E-rate – Application deadline is March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) – There is going to be a federal collection for the SY21-22 data, but we are not sure of the status
- **New** Infinite Campus Analytics Suite – This is called *Insights* and paid for with ESSER funds; it goes further than the current data visualization suite. Training on this new tool was recorded during the Mid-Year Training and it's available on the KDE Media Portal at <https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/ksis/2023/02/ksis-mid-year-training-webcast-2/> . This will remain after the ESSER funds are expired.
- GoSoapBox Review:

1. Does your district have a policy calling for each school to routinely review Infinite Campus user accounts and tool rights?

50 responses recorded



## 2. Are there links to Parchment to request transcripts on the district and high school websites?

46 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes, on the district site	5	11%	
Yes, on the high school site	15	33%	
Yes, on both school and district sites	7	15%	
No	19	41%	

The electronic transcript is now the standard for all high schools; having the link to this on your high school and district websites is now best practice.

## 3. Are there direct links to School Report Card on the district and school websites?

51 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes, on the district site	11	22%	
Yes, on the school sites	2	4%	
Yes, on both school and district sites	27	53%	
Not sure but can check	9	18%	
No	2	4%	

This is law--all districts/schools need to have the SRC link on their school and district websites. Please check and make sure sites are current with SY21-22 reporting.

- We will be issuing an RFP soon to get a new vendor since BrightBytes has been purchased by Google.
- Bob Hackworth mentioned that Colin Glover has issued a new toolkit centered around K-12 education to reduce cybersecurity threats/risks. Some things in the toolkit we have already implemented and it's a really good document to help you prioritize your security needs. There will also be quite a few security-focused sessions at KySTE, and we encourage you to attend those, especially the featured speaker Stephen Hernandez who always gives a great presentation.
- Marty is excited about the district led presentations by district leaders, teachers and students at the upcoming KySTE conference.
- Kentucky Virtual Library (KVL) – There is a reimbursement program for this membership license, and we have 60 districts that haven't yet submitted for reimbursement; reach out to James Allen if you have questions or need assistance.
- Chuck continued to carry Bob's security message with impressing the importance to now integrate identities within Infinite Campus and MUNIS. It's important at the local level for all involved to be communicating and collaborating. KE's and OET staff are ready to assist you.

The second part of the KY K-12 CIO/EdTech Leader meeting was a closed meeting, like last month, which provided an update and discussion with interested districts, OET staff and Lightspeed Systems staff regarding the progress being made with upgrading to the most current version of Lightspeed Systems in districts as well as other related Lightspeed topics.