

Summary of the December 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 December 19, 2023, EdTech leaders' virtual meeting. A copy of the video and audio can be found at: <https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/technology/2023/12/edtech-december-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.

(1:04) Good-bye Phil Coleman - This is Phil Coleman's last official webcast after 30 years of being part of the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS). We have celebrated Phil since last month's webcast and he is really going to be missed. As someone put in the chat, KETS has huge shoes to "Phil". OET staff had a reception for him and invited staff from over the years and his family. At the reception we shared some video clips and pictures and gave staff an opportunity to share. Phil reflected on his time with KETS and how hard it is to leave this work and his work family. We have done excellent work together and we'll continue to see him at STLP and other upcoming events. It's rare for anyone to be a part of an organization for 30+ years and Phil is looking forward to a well-deserved retirement.

(7:57) KY K-12 Data Systems Update –

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Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Report Card proposals are still in committee review. Please provide any input here to help ensure that the new card continues to meet needs. We are working on an RFP process for the 2022-2023 card. The 2021-2022 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) for schools/districts review, data entry, and certification will close on Feb. 26. Please review the KDE CRDC webpage for the CRDC Reporting Matrix showing which data elements KDE prepopulated, and other resources. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">1. What is the status of your district on completing the 2021-2022 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) requirements?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 responses recorded</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">CHOICE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">VOTES</th> <th style="text-align: center;">%</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All required data loaded and certified</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><div style="width: 15%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nearly finished loading and reviewing data</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">35%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><div style="width: 35%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Just begun loading and reviewing data</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">35%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><div style="width: 35%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have not started loading and reviewing data</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><div style="width: 15%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	CHOICE	VOTES	%		All required data loaded and certified	3	15%	<div style="width: 15%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div>	Nearly finished loading and reviewing data	7	35%	<div style="width: 35%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div>	Just begun loading and reviewing data	7	35%	<div style="width: 35%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div>	Have not started loading and reviewing data	3	15%	<div style="width: 15%; height: 10px; background-color: #ffc107;"></div>
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KSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Student Multi-Year Assessment Dashboard released 																				

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Other	<p>Visit the KDE KSIS Training webpage for details on upcoming training events and resources from past trainings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSIS Infinite Campus mid-year training (Jan. 24) – The agenda will be available soon. Interested staff should register for the event to ensure receipt of training resources and to be eligible for EILA credit, and then attend all or only selected sessions.

- IC Interchange was a very good conference with over 600 people in attendance. There were great district presentations, and the conference was a big success.
- We periodically brief the KDE Leadership Team on big/relevant issues that apply to the enterprise and/or KDE specifically. Most recently, we provided a briefing on the topics of cybersecurity and AI. Our next briefing will center around data systems and data governance. KDE's data governance model using data stewards is crucial to having high quality data. These serve as good reminders or updates for our long-standing leadership members and as an educational tool for our newest leadership team members.

(13:49) 2024 Legislative Session Update – The Governor just released his version of the next biennial budget in advance of the upcoming regular session that begins on January 2, 2024. We had been advised that our KETS additional budget request (ABR) would probably not be part of the Governor's budget but there is a \$9M increase to the KETS allocation. This is the only the starting point for the budget and it will be a long process.

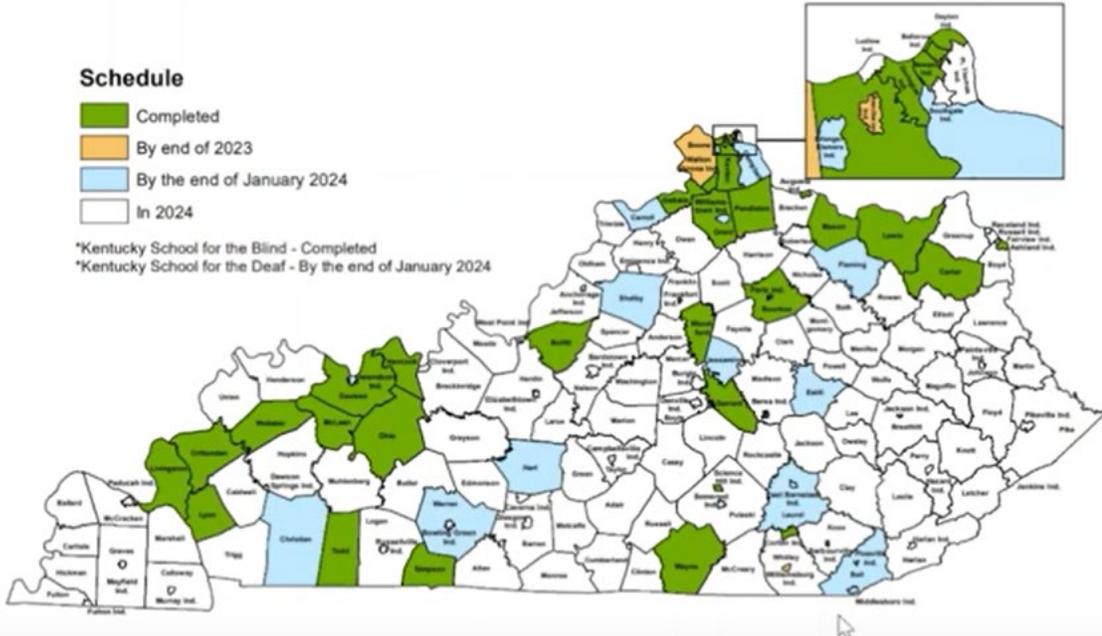
The 2024 session is a long session lasting 60 working days—it begins January 2 and will end April 15. The only bill drafts shared thus far have been those shared in committee or sent over for KDE review and input; there were no pre-filed bills. We do expect education to be a focus of the session along with the preparation and approval of a biennial budget. Here are a few links for anyone who wants to contact their legislator to continue requesting support of our KETS ABR or to follow any of the proceedings. The primary committees to watch for are the House and Senate Education Committees and the House and Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committees.

- https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/Legislators/contact_legislator.html
- <https://legislature.ky.gov/Public%20Services/PIO/Pages/Live-Streams.aspx>

We review all the bills to ensure that data and education technology components are not missed or overlooked; it is not always clear when they request data or annual reporting how this could impact our data collection efforts, etc. This is time consuming, and they are anticipating up to 1200 bills/resolutions to be filed during this long session. It's important to point out the impact and how things play out on a larger scale, and we are given the opportunity to do this through the bill review process. We'll provide updates to you as the session begins and progresses.

(23:05) Next Generation KY K-12 Internet (NGKI) Implementation Update – The NGKI implementation is moving forward.

NGKI Network Transition Schedule



Thirty-five (35) districts have transitioned as of yesterday and 4 more are scheduled for this week. Beginning in January, we will move to 2 district transitions per day through June 2024. During that time, we will continue to fine tune things and encounter unique situations. We will also continue to complete a capacity assessment annually for each district. As we are completing the transition, adjustments to capacity needs or anything else needed for the internet service overall will be completed. Please stay in communication with your KETS Engineer.

(27:38) KY K-12 Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Update - December is a super busy month for STLP with lots of things happening right now and coming up!



We are right in the middle of the project cycle with the Level 1 Regionals happening on December 6. We were up in the number of districts and schools involved but down on the total number of projects; the biggest drop just happened to be in districts that lost some DLCs.



A big thank you to the 409 volunteers who helped make the Virtual Regionals day a big success. We had close to 3000 students present during this event and had some projects that could not show up---technical issues, late, sick. There will a do-over event where students can video their presentation and submit (deadline is 12/20). Jeff shared the new Level 1 feedback report and trends that were

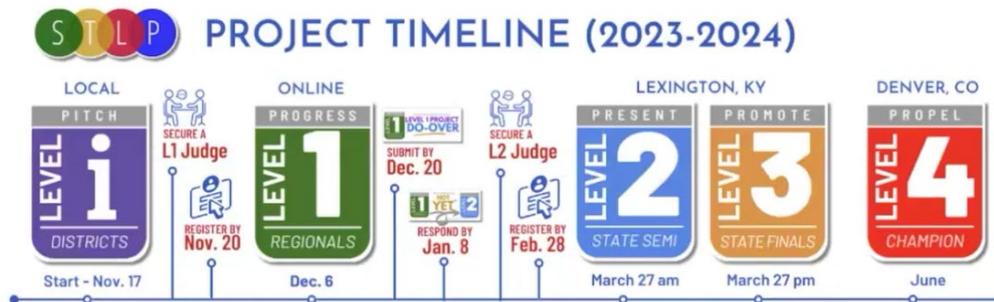
introduced this year along with some other data charts regarding regionals. Jeff explained that we have moved to more of a formative feedback style to align more closely with technology standards. Another reason was to help districts find ways to address the People Side of KY K-12 Tech. You also wanted to see stronger projects at the state championships.



Other Points:

- Feedback from Regionals is that 77% believe that online is best as opposed to being in person.
- Current Roadmap:

STLP LEVEL 2 PROJECT: NEXT STEP

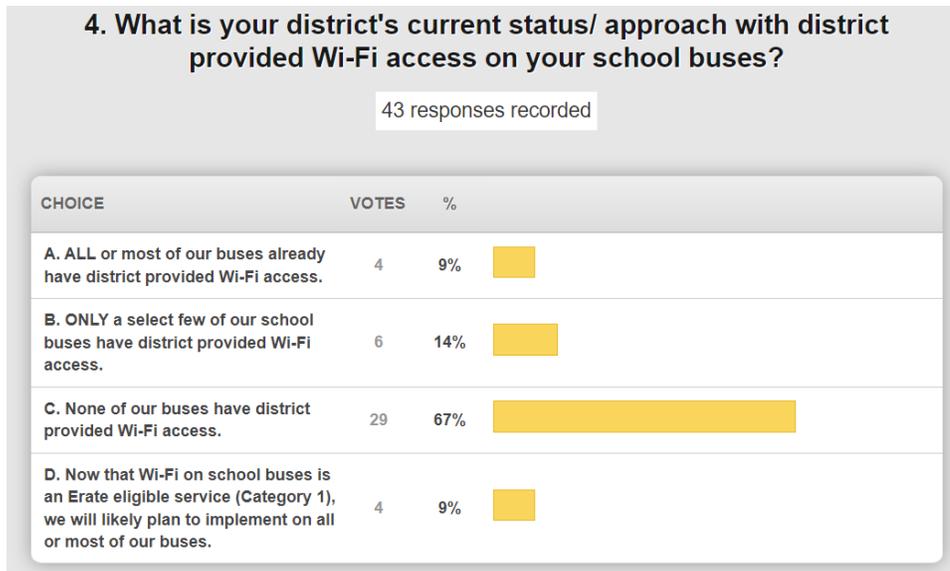


- Wrapping up STLP Ambassador interviews and those engineers will be announced soon!
- Creative Digital Arts (formerly DPOJ) submissions is December 20; please sign up to be a volunteer judge by going to bit.ly/stlpcdajudge24
- March 27, 2024 – STLP State Championship; this will be our 30th anniversary of this event and it will be an exciting and awesome day!!!! This day is all about why we do what we do.

(45:40) 2024 KY K-12 CIO/EdTech Leaders Webcast Update - Janice Harris, OET Office Manager, joined us today to share some information about the calendar invites for next year’s edtech leaders’ webcasts. The current calendar invite will be cancelled and recreated. This will be a whole new series. As we have modified the current invitation and resent it, some of you have inadvertently deleting the invitation for the whole series of meetings. Any modifications will be to the entire series, so everyone receiving will need to accept it as it pertains to the whole series of meetings.

(49:13) E-rate (e.g., Wi-Fi on buses) & the 2023-2024 KETS Offers of Financial Assistance - Mike that the 1st round of the KETS Offer is complete. A few districts requested extensions to respond or take action by January 10th. Second offers will occur in the late March timeframe.

E-rate season will be upon us very soon and we don't have the application window dates yet. Wi-Fi on buses will be an eligible, category 1 item in this next window. We'll continue to monitor and share details on this and share them with you—it's not on the applications or forms at this time.



Mini-bids are part of the E-rate process, and we are reviewing how those are going with our vendor partners and asking for feedback of the CIOs through your KE on this mini-bid process. It is important that we maintain the spirit of the contracts during this process.

(1:01:19) Status of other KY K-12 EdTech related RFPs –

- Connected User Experience System (CUES) RFP – This is an active solicitation so we cannot say or share much, but the process is very rigorous. We intend to be in a good place in early 2024 to move forward.
- SEEK – Ongoing
- Professional Learning Management System (PLMS) - Ongoing
- School Report Card (SRC) - Ongoing
- Part of our ongoing work is the review and assessment of all of our ongoing contracts. We do need activity on internet content management and instructional devices. We'll be seeking your feedback in a variety of ways.

(1:07:44) Other Items to Note –

- Top 5 Feedback – We have received your great feedback and really appreciate your time in completing this for us. CUES was one of the themes across the board as a goal in 2024. This was compiled just after the 12/15 deadline, and we'll be sharing the feedback results in greater detail during an upcoming webcast.
- Marty Park is also a coach for the Georgetown Tigers football team; they made it to the final four of the NAIA Tournament. Many of our staff and leadership volunteer their time and efforts outside of this work.
- Topics that will be covered in January 2024
 - Top 5 results,
 - Virtual Academy Presentation
 - KY K-12 Computer Science Report
- Maybe the most important poll question this month and one that has definitely had the most activity and discussion is below. We are still discussing the merits of whether the buckeye is really a cookie even though there is no debate that it is a favorite holiday treat. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday season. We hope you get time to rest and get recharged. Here were the final tallies:

5. Help us identify the top holiday cookies in education technology. Vote for your favorite below or choose Other and put your favorite in the social Q/A section.

50 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Gingerbread Cookies (traditional cutouts with icing)	9	18%	
Sugar Cookie (Cutouts, icing, with M&Ms, bars, etc.)	9	18%	
Snickerdoodles	12	24%	
Peanut Butter Blossoms	4	8%	
Chocolate Chip	8	16%	
Buckeyes (this is really a cookie)	6	12%	
Other (Write-In Answer in Social Q/A)	2	4%	

- At the close of today’s webcast, we went into closed session to discuss recent cyberattacks on KY K-12; we posed the following questions before going into the closed session:

2. Now is a good time to review “Ways to Reduce your Risk of Ransomware” from the annual “Spring Cleaning” security email communication that is sent to every CIO and DTC via the KETS Engineers. For 2023, it was sent on or around April 21st. Have you reviewed this information recently and made any necessary changes or updates to your environment?

37 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes	8	22%	
Not yet	9	24%	
I cannot find that email; can you resend it please?	20	54%	

3. Have you strengthened the passwords and put MFA on all of your Admin accounts and accounts with elevated privileges – not just for Google and Microsoft, but also for other products in your environment?

40 responses recorded

CHOICE	VOTES	%	
Yes	31	78%	
Not yet	9	23%	

Thanks for joining us today and we'll see you next month and next year!