

KAPS-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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State Consultant Report

I. Kentucky Education Reform- New Department of Education Structure

The following will be components of the new and revised KDE:

Communication Services	Plan, organize and implement department-wide public information, media services (print and non-print), awards and recognition and other community programs and services.
Learning Programs Development	Design, develop and integrate a curriculum framework and programs emerging from KERA including professional development, primary program, student well-being and others.
Learning Programs Delivery	Implement, encourage and support instructional programs through regional centers staffed with consultants specializing in high priority strategic areas.
Special Instructional Programs	Monitor, review and provide state-wide leadership for categorical programs such as Special Education, Vocational Education, Chapter I, Chapter II and others.
Teacher Education and Certification	Plan, organize and control the teacher testing, internship, certification and teacher education programs under the policy direction of the Educational Professional Standards Board and the administrative direction of the Deputy Commissioner - Learning Support Services.
Internal Administration	Direct internal administrative support activities including finance, purchasing, program financial monitoring, printing, personnel and other support activities.
District Support Services	Provide direct monitoring and management services to local districts in such areas as finance/budgeting, facilities construction and management, transportation, food service and attendance accounting.
Management Information Services	Plan, organize and direct computer operational and technical support services for internal applications and specified local district support technologies.
Testing Services	Develop and implement a state-wide testing program and data base involving subject area, grade level and performance-based assessment.
Accountability Services	Analyze and collect testing and other data to evaluate results of instructional programs and develop, monitor and evaluate specific projects designed to meet needs of at-risk schools and districts.
Assistance and Intervention Services	Provide direct assistance to local districts and schools through multi-discipline assistance teams to enhance instructional results and to provide technical support in specific areas of need.

II. Corporal Punishment

In November the State School Board abolished corporal punishment (704 KAR 7:055). Their definition states that corporal punishment is "deliberate infliction of pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a students' body as a penalty or punishment for student misbehavior." This doesn't prevent school officials from applying reasonable or necessary restraint to ensure protection of students, staff and property. However, a letter has been placed on the regulation. This is an Administrative Regulations Review Committee maneuver which requires the regulation to be voted on by the next General Assembly. If the 1992 Legislature adjourns without voting, the regulation will no longer be in effect.

DIVISION DIRECTORS

The department will employ 31 division directors who will report to associate commissioners.

Media Services (TV)
Public Information
Awards and Recognition
Legal Services

Finance/Purchasing (Internal)
Personnel
Printing Services

Finance (Local District)
Facilities Management (Local District)
School Food Services
Pupil Transportation

Computer Mainframe Operations
Computer Systems Support/Training
Computer Applications Development

Language Arts/Arts/Humanities
Math/Science
Practical Living/Vocational Education
Instructional Technology/Library/Media
Early Childhood
Special Needs Learners (Prog. Develop.)
Professional Development

Student Support Services
Program Resources (Federal Programs)
Exceptional Child Services (Monitoring)
Vocational Services (Monitoring)

Teacher Education
Testing and Internship
Certification
Certification Processing and Automation

Assessment
KIRIS (Student Testing Program)

REGIONAL PROGRAM CONSULTANTS

The Department is establishing 7 regional service centers throughout Kentucky to provide direct services to the 176 local school districts. The regional centers will be staffed with professional educators who are specialists in school-based decision making, primary school, instructional technology, preschool programs, performance assessment, multi-cultural education and research-based instruction. Local educators who are interested in these positions may be on loan from their local school districts for a two-or-three-year period.