

AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome, Setting the Context

What are the main pre-K-12 education issues facing Kentucky, and how can this conference become a catalyst for meeting them?

Brad Cowgill, President, Council on Postsecondary Education; Chair, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center

Dr. Bob Sexton, Executive Director, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; Board Member, KLTPRC

David Adkisson, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

The Dynamic Global Labor Market

Where do our students stand in the international context and what does it suggest for the country's future economic success?

Dr. Marc Tucker, President and CEO of the National Center on Education and the Economy and author of *Tough Choices, Tough Times*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Educational Progress in Kentucky

How far has postreform Kentucky progressed?

Dr. Amy Watts, Policy Analyst, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

The Effects and Cost-Effectiveness of Educational Investments

If our main goal is higher student achievement, what public investments does research suggest will yield the highest returns?

Michael T. Childress, Executive Director, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Presentation of the 2007 Hellard Award

No Child Left Behind; emerging trends and education issues facing the nation

Doug Mesecar, Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education

2007 Hellard Award Winner

John R. Hall, civic leader, philanthropist, and former CEO of Ashland, Inc.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Early Childhood Development

Does early investment save us later?

Dr. M. Rebecca Kilburn, RAND, author of *Early Childhood Interventions: Proven Results, Future Promise*

Rick Hulefeld, Children, Inc.

Dr. Kim Townley, University of Kentucky

2:15 – 3:15 p.m

The Achievement Gap

Less-advantaged students—about half of Kentucky's student body—average significantly lower scores on achievement tests. What are the causes, consequences, and solutions?

Ross Wiener, The Education Trust

Claude W. Christian, Kentucky Department of Education

Superintendent Stu Silberman, Fayette County Schools

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Teacher Compensation

Schools, districts, and states are developing and implementing performance-based teacher compensation systems. What do they suggest for Kentucky?

Dr. Patrick J. Schuermann, Vanderbilt University

Mary Ann Blankenship, Kentucky Education Association

Dr. Allyson Hughes Handley, Council on Postsecondary Education

4:15 p.m.

Wrap-up

A brief summary of conference findings and the future path they suggest.

All General Sessions are in Ballroom 1. Lunch and the Hellard Award are in Ballroom 2.