

**LOCAL P-16 COUNCILS**

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**Update**

Over the past two years, the Council on Postsecondary Education has funded two separate initiatives: the formation of local P-16 councils to reflect and shape the state P-16 Council's agenda of creating a seamless system of education from pre-school through college and the designation of Go Higher communities to engage in grassroots efforts that raise the education level of each community, including, but not limited to, undereducated adults. The two processes are now unified.

To this end, the Council on Postsecondary Education has allocated funds to distribute grants not to exceed \$20,000 to form Go Higher communities with local P-16 councils, conduct local education and workforce needs assessments, and extend the work of existing councils. The new request for proposals has been issued. It can be found on the following site:  
[http://www.cpe.state.ky.us/announce/announce\\_requests\\_for\\_proposals.asp](http://www.cpe.state.ky.us/announce/announce_requests_for_proposals.asp).

The network of local councils met March 12 at the Jefferson County Public Schools Gheens Academy in Louisville. The meeting agenda included progress reports on the work of each of the local councils, a report on the release of the American Diploma Project benchmarks, and a report on the KDE Scholastic Audit.

The Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education was recently awarded \$100,000 over a five-year period from Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc., to continue its work bringing together education, business, labor, and other community leaders to raise the level of education attainment and workplace readiness in the region. Among other things, the Council of Partners is working to implement the ADP recommendations in its local districts and extend to other districts the impact of Kenton County's participation in the State Scholars Program.

Chair of the Kentucky Regional/Local P-16 Network Gary Wiseman will give a brief update on local council activities.

