

**State Educational Leadership Redesign Initiative**

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The State Action for Education Leadership Project and Leadership for Educational Achievement in Districts are state-level education leadership initiatives funded over the last several years by the Wallace Foundation. SAELP and LEAD representatives have worked for the last two years with the Commonwealth Collaborative of School Leadership Programs in conjunction with the Education Professional Standards Board in an effort to determine how best to improve principal preparation.

In April 2005, CCSLP approved a set of recommendations for redesigning principal preparation in Kentucky. SAELP/LEAD used these recommendations to begin a discussion with stakeholders on how best to prepare Kentucky's public school leaders. Since that time, many of Kentucky's educational leadership groups and government and business partners have provided feedback in the form of expertise, research, survey data, and additional recommendations. These reflect the thinking of representatives from the SAELP work team and include the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, CCSLP, LEAD, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Governor's Education Cabinet.

Items for consideration for principal preparation redesign will be presented to the EPSB later this year (see attachment). If adopted, the changes would amend current requirements. Colleges and universities would need to reapply to the EPSB for approval of their principal preparation programs within a timeframe set by the EPSB.