

Educational Leadership Redesign Initiatives

The Council on Postsecondary Education has convened a broadly representative advisory group consisting of public college of education deans, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, representatives from state agencies and the Education Cabinet, P-12 superintendents, and CPE staff. Working with the Southern Regional Education Board, the advisory group identified the needs of the P-12 system and the necessary changes in Kentucky's current leadership programs if Kentucky is to meet those needs. Several activities on various fronts are underway now to provide direction to the redesign effort:

- The Commonwealth Collaborative of School Leadership Programs released a white paper in October 2005 that identified necessary change elements for effective education leadership development in Kentucky.
- The Education Professional Standards Board is considering changes to their principal certification processes based on work with the CCSLP and the SREB.
- At the request of a Kentucky legislator on the board of the SREB, the EPSB and the CPE have drafted a resolution to be introduced in the 2006 session that outlines the principles and key elements of educational leadership redesign and calls for that redesign in Kentucky. The SREB model for redesign recommends a formal resolution early in the redesign process to give it direction and energy.
- The Council staff is working with various groups on a proposal for developing an executive P-12 leadership academy in Kentucky. The SREB also recommends this strategy as a part of state redesign efforts. There is growing interest in creating such an academy in Kentucky.
- Building on the CCSLP white paper white paper recommendations, the CPE's educational leadership initiative advisory group, the legislative resolution, and favorable response to funding requests, CPE expects to work with EPSB to begin a vigorous redesign effort in 2006.

The KCTCS also has identified a pressing and immediate need for access to a doctorate in higher education leadership with a focus on community college leadership. To encourage and enable Kentucky institutions to meet this need, CPE is working with KCTCS to develop a suitable program on a relatively short timeline.