

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL P-16 COUNCILS

**P-16 Council
Agenda Item H
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Update

Since the P-16 Council's September meeting, one more proposal for a local council has been funded. Another is being revised. At least four local councils are in planning stages in conjunction with the development of the public communication campaign's model communities.

Eastern Kentucky Local P-16 Council - \$7,500

Eastern Kentucky University has taken the lead in forming a local P-16 council with participation from superintendents in Laurel, Lincoln, Boyd, and Madison counties. Following the recommendations of the P-16 alignment teams, the partnership will form discipline-based groups of teachers and faculty to connect local high school curricula with college requirements. Another of its strategic priorities is to form closer ties between schools and local businesses. It will expand internship and mentoring opportunities for middle and high school students and inform P-12 students of skills needed to succeed in the workplace. It will develop ways to increase postsecondary enrollment and decrease high school dropout rates by promoting dual credit, online, and developmental options. The partnership will base its agenda and priorities on student achievement data (for example, the high school feedback report, remedial placement rates, and performance on the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System and the ACT).

The next step in developing P-16 community alliances throughout the state is creating a network of our local councils so they can share good ideas and information with each other and the state P-16 Council. Several representatives of Kentucky's local and regional P-16 councils will meet March 3-6 in New Orleans at The Educational Trust's annual conference specifically devoted to local P-16 council issues. This conference will provide the first opportunity for many members of Kentucky's new local P-16 councils (and those in planning stages) to meet with one another. It also will provide them with ideas and models from local P-16 councils across the nation.

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