

**ACE Activity – Summary Table 2021-2022**

Meeting Date	Stakeholder Representation	Topics Discussed	Insights Include
November 11, 2021	AFTSE Faculty School Board Member Public School District Recruiter AFTSE University Supervisors Private School Leader Private School Teacher Catholic School Educator Kentucky Science Center Educator PD Specialist, public school district Public School District Instructional Coach	Guest: KY Education Commissioner  Topics: The Commissioner’s vision for education in KY; Take-aways from COVID-19 Pandemic; the teacher shortage	<p>The Commissioner said that teacher prep programs intersect with the teaching model in the recruitment, preparation, and development of new teachers</p> <p>Teaching is social-emotional learning and part of the educational experience; the purpose of learning is more than about academics and the transference of knowledge, but foundational skills as well as the development of workforce, citizens, humanity—and mental health is part of that. Kentucky is establishing a framework of multitiered supports involving this.</p> <p>The Commissioner said that he hopes an investment in schools and educators in the next legislative session will help. This will take time, though.</p> <p>The Commissioner cited the importance of emergence—the change you see is small, on the individual level—and the work of systems can accelerate or stifle that change. He said he feels his role is to create an ecosystem that encourages this. Our role is to support the emergence of these shifts from our practitioners—bringing about creativity and collaboration and knowing how to do it.</p>

			Being willing to cultivate meaningful connections with students and colleagues; a deep passion for one's subject matter expertise; a commitment to the hard process of experimentation, reflection and growth—including the mistakes; and 'being nice.'
April 21, 2022	AFTSE Faculty AFTSE Adjunct Faculty AFTSE University Supervisor Diversity Hiring Specialist (public school) Educational Cooperative representative Public School Principal	Guests: AIS Lead/Instructional Coach Catholic School Principal KDE Innovation Specialist Social Studies Curriculum Specialist (public district)  Topic: Innovation in KY Schools	Innovative models of local accountability and assessment, partnership with unions and companies where students partake in competency-based education, and transparent curriculum and access.  Look differently at laboratory school situations and push universities to bring pedagogy and practices to our classrooms, intentional hiring that creates an awareness as to what is happening in the community, and project-based experiences.  Building community, allowing oneself to listen so that schools can be safe, and educate yourself and others on appropriate bills.

\*Roles and organizations have been used to maintain confidentiality.