KAPS-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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State Consultant Report

I. Kentucky Education Reform - New Department of Education Structure

The following will be components of the new and revised KDE:

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<th>Communication Services</th>
<th>Plan, organize and implement department-wide public information, media services (print and non-print), awards and recognition and other community programs and services.</th>
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<td>Learning Programs Development</td>
<td>Design, develop and integrate a curriculum framework and programs emerging from KERA including professional development, primary program, student well-being and others.</td>
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<td>Learning Programs Delivery</td>
<td>Implement, encourage and support instructional programs through regional centers staffed with consultants specializing in high priority strategic areas.</td>
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<td>Special Instructional Programs</td>
<td>Monitor, review and provide state-wide leadership for categorical programs such as Special Education, Vocational Education, Chapter I, Chapter II and others.</td>
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<td>Teacher Education and Certification</td>
<td>Plan, organize and control the teacher testing, internship, certification and teacher education programs under the policy direction of the Educational Professional Standards Board and the administrative direction of the Deputy Commissioner - Learning Support Services.</td>
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<td>Internal Administration</td>
<td>Direct internal administrative support activities including finance, purchasing, program financial monitoring, printing, personnel and other support activities.</td>
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<td>District Support Services</td>
<td>Provide direct monitoring and management services to local districts in such areas as finance/budgeting, facilities construction and management, transportation, food service and attendance accounting.</td>
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<td>Management Information Services</td>
<td>Plan, organize and direct computer operational and technical support services for internal applications and specified local district support technologies.</td>
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<td>Testing Services</td>
<td>Develop and implement a state-wide testing program and data base involving subject area, grade level and performance-based assessment.</td>
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<td>Accountability Services</td>
<td>Analyze and collect testing and other data to evaluate results of instructional programs and develop, monitor and evaluate specific projects designed to meet needs of at-risk schools and districts.</td>
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<td>Assistance and Intervention Services</td>
<td>Provide direct assistance to local districts and schools through multi-discipline assistance teams to enhance instructional results and to provide technical support in specific areas of need.</td>
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II. Corporal Punishment

In November the State School Board abolished corporal punishment (704 KAR 7:055). Their definition states that corporal punishment is "délèbrètè infliction of pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a students' body as a penalty or punishment for student misbehavior." This doesn't prevent school officials from applying reasonable or necessary restraint to ensure protection of students, staff and property. However, a letter has been placed on the regulation. This is an Administrative Regulations Review Committee maneuver which requires the regulation to be voted on by the next General Assembly. If the 1992 Legislature adjourns without voting, the regulation will no longer be in effect.
DIVISION DIRECTORS

The department will employ 31 division directors who will report to associate commissioners.

- Media Services (TV)
- Public Information
- Awards and Recognition
- Legal Services
- Finance/Purchasing (Internal)
- Personnel
- Printing Services
- Finance (Local District)
- Facilities Management (Local District)
- School Food Services
- Pupil Transportation
- Computer Mainframe Operations
- Computer Systems Support/Training
- Computer Applications Development
- Language Arts/Arts/Humanities
- Math/Science
- Practical Living/Vocational Education
- Instructional Technology/Library/Media
- Early Childhood
- Special Needs Learners (Prog. Develop.)
- Professional Development
- Student Support Services
- Program Resources (Federal Programs)
- Exceptional Child Services (Monitoring)
- Vocational Services (Monitoring)
- Teacher Education
- Testing and Internship
- Certification
- Certification Processing and Automation
- Assessment
- KIRIS (Student Testing Program)

REGIONAL PROGRAM CONSULTANTS

The Department is establishing 7 regional service centers throughout Kentucky to provide direct services to the 176 local school districts. The regional centers will be staffed with professional educators who are specialists in school-based decision making, primary school, instructional technology, preschool programs, performance assessment, multi-cultural education and research-based instruction. Local educators who are interested in these positions may be on loan from their local school districts for a two-or-three-year period.