

### 2009-10 KYAE Policy and Procedure Manual

The 2009-10 KYAE Policy and Procedure Manual is now available on the KYAE Web site. The manual includes revised policies reflecting Assessment, Professional Development and other issues. You can access the manual by clicking [here](#).

### Registration Open – KYAE November 2009 Meetings

KYAE will be hosting meetings in November to announce and discuss several pertinent topics to program quality and performance. The program director and one additional staff person may attend. Please mark your calendars for one of the dates and locations below. Meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

- **November 2** [General Butler State Resort Park](#), Carrollton, KY
- **November 3** [Rough River Dam State Resort Park](#), Falls of Rough, KY
- **November 4** [Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park](#), Gilbertsville, KY
- **November 9** [Natural Bridge State Resort Park](#), Slade, KY
- **November 16** [Cumberland Falls State Resort Park](#), Corbin, KY

The meeting sites are strategically located within the State Park system. Programs are no longer required to attend the meeting in your region. Instead, you may elect to attend the closest meeting location to reduce travel expenses and the need for overnight lodging.

Click onto one of the above links to access driving directions.

Due to budget constraints, lunch will not be provided; however, arrangements have been made for attendees to eat lunch in State Park restaurants at your own cost.

Each meeting room will accommodate 50-55 people. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing [Benita.Wilhoite@ky.gov](mailto:Benita.Wilhoite@ky.gov) no later than **Friday, October 23, 2009**.

Please register early, since locations will fill up quickly. We look forward to seeing everyone.

#### **Proposed Discussion Topics:**

- Budget Processes
- Content Standards
- Program Data Quality & Analysis
- GED®
- Performance and Accountability
- Policy
- Professional Development
- Workplace Education

## **Budget Information**

You may have heard in the news or read articles about the information in the following press release describing the most recent state budget cuts of 4 percent. We are pleased the council's request for adult education to be exempt from the latest round of cuts was received favorably by the Governor's office and State Budget Director. President King and the staff here at the council have been strong advocates in messaging the importance of adult education and the funding resources needed to educate nearly 786,000 Kentuckians that have no high school diploma or GED credential.

We applaud Governor Beshear's continuing efforts to keep education a budget priority during this difficult economic environment. The Governor's ability to maintain funding for K-12, adult education and higher education is a testament to his strong belief that the only path to a prosperous Commonwealth is increased educational attainment at all levels.

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**Most state agencies to receive 4 percent cuts**  
*Governor exempts key areas of education, health care, public safety*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 27, 2009)** – Gov. Steve Beshear said today that new tax relief programs and spending added during the recently completed legislative session – along with a still volatile national economy -- will result in 4 percent cuts for most state agencies during the current budget year.

However, using funds available from the federal stimulus legislation, Gov. Beshear said he will maintain his commitment to not cut the SEEK formula, higher education, health care for the most vulnerable, public safety and economic development this budget year. The new budget information was detailed by Mary Lassiter, secretary of the cabinet and state budget director, during a meeting this afternoon of the General Assembly’s Interim Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Gov. Beshear proposed 2.6 percent cuts to most agencies of state government during the special legislative session, which ended in June. However, legislative action that affected the timing of new tax credit programs and reduced cuts for the legislative and judicial branches along with increased spending in several programs exacerbated the shortfall. That resulted in the need to make additional spending reductions.

Gov. Beshear said today he wouldn’t back away from the commitment to not cut those programs this budget year “most directly tied to the future of our children, investment in our economy and the health and safety of our people.”

“Some noteworthy and important items were added during the final days of the legislative session, including incentives for new homebuyers and tax relief for our active military members,” Gov. Beshear said. “Although I strongly support these measures, the legislatively enacted timeline for implementing them impacted how we must balance the budget.”

Gov. Beshear said it was important to proceed with the cuts early in the budget year, which began July 1, for three reasons:

- State agencies need time to make adjustments to their budgets to ensure as little disruption as possible in basic services;
- The budget picture for the current year is worsening. State forecasters recently estimated that Kentucky will fall about \$82 million short of previous projections for this year, making the need for additional adjustments to the state budget likely in the coming months. The state's Consensus Forecasting Group is scheduled to meet in October to do an estimate for the balance of the budget year and in preparation for the next biennial budget;
- The upcoming two-year budget, which will be decided during the next legislative session starting in January, will continue to be challenging with federal help from stimulus funds running out and projections for a very slow economic recovery. State revenues are not projected to reach 2008 levels until 2012. Meanwhile, commitments to obligations such as health care, teacher and state employee retirement and education continue to increase.

In addition to the key exemptions from reductions that Gov. Beshear proposed during the legislative session, several other areas will not receive the 4 percent cuts announced today. They include:

- Health and Family Services will only receive a 1 percent cut to mitigate the impact to services. Additional stimulus dollars resulting from increased Medicaid funds are minimizing cuts in this area.
- Career and technical education will not be cut.
- Adult education programs will not be cut.
- Environmental protection will not be cut.

State agencies received notice about the spending reductions this week and are expected to finalize plans in the coming days.

“We are seeing important glimmers of hope in both our national and state economies,” Gov. Beshear said. “Manufacturing and housing markets are picking up both here and across the country and I hope with that consumer confidence and spending will start to rise. But our budget picture is extremely challenging and acting prudently and wisely now is critically important as we are confronted with extremely difficult, and potentially painful, decisions over the next two years.”

Against the backdrop of the worst national economy in decades, Gov. Beshear previously imposed \$579 million in budget cuts since taking office 20 months ago – the most in the history of the Commonwealth. The state has the smallest executive branch workforce in some 20 years, with about 2,000 fewer employees than just two years ago.

“We have approached the state budget in the same way that families across this state have approached their own budgets,” the Governor said. “We’ve tried to maintain what’s most important – our commitments to children, to health and to investment in the future – while cutting expenses and costs virtually everywhere else. Those are the principles by which I govern. They will continue to be what guides me in the challenging, but hopeful months and years ahead.”

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