



## CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

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Dear Superintendent,

With the passage of Senate Bill 150 during the 2023 Regular Session, new administration and consent procedures are now required to implement the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Survey. In order to meet the new requirements, we have made the difficult decision to delay the administration of the survey from the Fall Semester 2023 until the Fall Semester 2024. Pausing administration until next fall will allow ample time for information gathering and process planning to ensure maximum participation in the survey which provides valuable information about the health and well-being of Kentucky's students.

We regret the impact the revised schedule will have on the availability of current data related to substance use behaviors and the mental health of students. As do many school districts, the Department utilizes these data frequently to understand state trends that inform programming and support grant writing efforts. If your district intended to use these data for 2023-24 grant submissions and you need help in explaining to the potential funder why this year's KIP data are not available, we would be happy to provide a statement about the reasons for this decision. If such a statement is needed, contact Lisa Crabtree at [Lisa@reacheval.com](mailto:Lisa@reacheval.com). She is the KIP project lead at REACH Evaluation. Staff at the Regional Prevention Centers are also available to provide information on substance use and misuse as well connection to other prevention resources: <https://reachevaluation.com/rpc-map-and-contacts>

Your ongoing support for the administration and use of the KIP Survey is paramount to our ability to ensure continued access to this resource. We will be seeking input on the procedures that need to be developed in order to resume survey administration in 2024. Feedback and insight from your district will be greatly appreciated. In addition, we will develop materials for parents, students, and educators that highlight the importance and utility of these data for the betterment of student, school, and statewide outcomes.

Information regarding opportunities to provide feedback on subsequent survey administration is forthcoming.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to continued collaboration with your district.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Craycraft*  
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