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## **BLUE RIBBON PANEL TO MEET**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Commissioner’s Blue Ribbon Panel on intervention strategies will hold its first meeting Monday, February 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. EST in the auditorium of the Capital Plaza Tower in Frankfort.

The panel was formed to review strategies that have proven successful in helping struggling schools raise the achievement levels of students, despite barriers like poverty. The panel will look at initiatives such as the Scholastic Audit process, Highly Skilled Educators and Voluntary Partnership Assistance Teams, programs developed in Kentucky that have shown success. The group also will analyze programs from other states.

The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive listing of replicable programs that can be used by schools across Kentucky. The group will hold periodic meetings throughout the calendar year.

Panel members represent a wide variety of experience and geographical locations.

### **MEMBER TITLE LOCATION**

Gary Fields	Principal	Bowling Green High, Bowling Green Ind.
Elisa Beth Brown	Principal	Chandlers Elementary, Logan County
Dave Cox	Director	Corbin Independent school district
Sherron Jackson	Asst. Vice-President	Council on Postsecondary Education
Doug Whitlock	President	Eastern Kentucky University
Rosz Akins	Retired Teacher	Fayette County school district
Stu Silberman	Superintendent	Fayette County school district
Susan French	Principal	Field Elementary, Jefferson County
Brady Link	Superintendent	Graves County school district
Marco Munoz	Specialist III	Jefferson County school district
Jane Couch	Parent	Johnson County
Ronda Harmon	Executive Director	KY Association of School Councils
Bonnie L. Freeman	Board Member/Vice-Chair	KY Board of Education
David Adkisson	President	KY Chamber of Commerce
Claude Christian	Branch Manager	KY Dept. of Education
Ken Draut	Associate Commissioner	KY Dept. of Education
Elaine Farris	Deputy Commissioner	KY Dept. of Education

Johnnie Grissom Associate Commissioner KY Dept. of Education  
Steve Schenck Associate Commissioner KY Dept. of Education  
Jamie Spugnardi Associate Commissioner KY Dept. of Education  
Larry Stinson Associate Commissioner KY Dept. of Education  
Helen Mountjoy Secretary KY Education Cabinet  
David Baird Assistant Director KY School Boards Association  
Tim Moore Superintendent Mason County school district  
Roger Cleveland Assistant Professor Morehead State University  
Polly Page Director Partnership for Successful Schools  
Frank Welch Retired Superintendent Pike County school district  
Bob Sexton Executive Director Prichard Committee  
Susie Burkhardt Teacher Simpsonville Elementary, Shelby County  
Kevin Cosby Pastor St. Stephen Church, Louisville  
Richard Prewitt Principal Whitley County Middle