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Dear Superintendents,

Through the support of the National Governor's Association, the Governor's Office of Early Childhood is pleased to announce the second School Readiness Summit. Last year's Summit consisted of 25 teams from across the state. Karen Holbrook, 2015 Summit team member from Gallatin County, made the following comments about the Summit, "It was a great opportunity to grow collaboration among agencies within our district-to pull together resources to better serve our children."

The purpose of Kentucky's School Readiness Summit is to help school districts, early learning providers and community organizations throughout the Commonwealth make vital connections and collaborations necessary for school readiness. Preparing children for school is a community issue. We are calling on Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents to lead a School Readiness Summit team.

The School Readiness Summit will be held on September 22, 2016, at 10:00am-4:00pm Eastern Time at the Frankfort Convention Center, 405 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Participation in the 2016 Summit is limited to 25 teams across the state. Teams will be made of 5-8 members including the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent. Teams who participated in the 2015 School Readiness Summit are not permitted to participate for a second year. Teams who applied but were not selected in 2015 may reapply. Participating teams will be selected through an application process. Selected teams will participate in this 1-day event focusing on three areas:

- Helping Superintendents understand that collective action with community partners and parents is the key to preparing more children for school entry
- Providing the tools and knowledge to help schools to engage partners and the public in preparing children in the early years
- Improving coordination between early childhood education and community partners

During the Summit, teams will have time to work with a facilitator to create unique Action Plans based on district data to increase school readiness in their communities.

To be considered for participation in this event, teams must agree to the following:

- Create a 5-8 person team.
- Include the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent as a member of the team
- Attend the entire 1-day event

- Report on implementation progress and share strategies that will enhance student achievement at kindergarten entry.
- Use data to create unique 30, 60, 90 Day Action Plans to increase school readiness.
- Agree to participate and attend (as a team) in the following events:
 - Webinar and pre-assessment
 - Follow-up on 30, 60, 90 Day Action Plans via video conference/conference call in December 2016
 - Follow-up on 30, 60, 90 Day Action Plans via video conference/conference call in March 2017
 - Submit a proposal for a Ready Kids Conference presentation which includes outcomes from Summit Action Plans by May 15, 2017. If your proposal is selected, your team agrees to lead a session on June 29, 2017 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

Teams chosen to attend the Summit may qualify for the following opportunities:

- To receive technical assistance for certain projects developed through the Summit.
- To receive incentive opportunities for certain projects developed through the Summit.
- To obtain EILA credit for the 1-day Summit event.
- To obtain ECE-TRIS credit for the 1-day Summit event.

Most expenses will be covered for participating teams using National Governor's Association grant funds. Included will be lunch and all materials needed for the day. (Overnight lodging and mileage will not be included.)

The deadline to submit an application is September 1, 2016. Selected teams will be notified September 2, 2016.

You may click the link below to download the application:

<http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Mobilizing-Communities/Pages/Superintendent's-Toolbox.aspx>

Thank you,



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