

# Kentucky Education Cabinet

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Kentucky launches statewide high-speed education network

FRANKFORT, Ky. – All Kentucky students soon will have access to high-speed Internet connections in their schools. Kentucky Education Cabinet Secretary Laura E. Owens will help launch the Kentucky Education Network (KEN) Oct. 30 at Franklin County High School. KEN provides increased bandwidth to all school districts across the state in order to improve the speed in which information, applications and communications are shared.

Students from Franklin, Scott and Fayette counties will demonstrate the opportunities made possible through KEN such as videoconferencing with students in other schools, not only in Kentucky but also with students across the nation. Teachers will exhibit how KEN assists in sharing learning content and resources throughout the P-20 education community.

KEN is the result of an unprecedented level of collaboration and planning by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), colleges, universities, Ky. Department of Education (KDE), P-12 school districts, the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) and all agencies of the Education Cabinet.

The KEN celebration will be Web cast live Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at <mms://video1.kde.state.ky.us/encoder3a>.

**WHAT:** Official launch and content showcase of the Kentucky Education Network

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, 10:00 a.m. EDT

The press conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by classroom demonstrations to showcase the abilities of the network.

**WHERE:** Franklin County High School, 1100 East Main Street, Frankfort, Ky.

**WHO:** Kentucky Education Cabinet Secretary Laura E. Owens  
Brad Cowgill, Interim President, Ky. Council on Postsecondary Education  
Mike Carr, Division Director of Certification, Education Professional Standards Board  
David Couch, Associate Commissioner of the Office of Education Technology, Ky. Department of Education

*Celebration & Content Showcase*  
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*10: a.m. EDT*  
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9:30 - 10:00	Fayette County's Stonewall Elementary and Athens-Chilesburg Elementary Schools' "Pumpkin" videoconferencing session with Petty Elementary School in Taft, Texas
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome - <b>Ann Riggs</b> , Chief Information Officer, Kentucky Education Cabinet and <b>Harrie Bueckner</b> , Superintendent, Franklin County Schools
10:05 - 10:10	Remarks - <b>Secretary Laura E. Owens</b> , Kentucky Education Cabinet
10:10 - 10:15	Remarks - <b>Brad Cowgill</b> , Interim President, Council on Postsecondary Education
10:15 - 10:20	Remarks - <b>Mike Carr</b> , Division Director of Certification, Education Professional Standards Board
10:25 - 10:30	Remarks - <b>David Couch</b> , Associate Commissioner, Office of Education Technology, Kentucky Department of Education
10:30 - 10:40	Southern Skies - University of Louisville <b>Dr. James Ramsey</b> , President <b>Dr. John Kielkopf</b> , Professor of Physics and Astronomy
10:40 - 10:50	BIG BLUE: Inflatable Wings - University of Kentucky <b>Dr. Lee T. Todd</b> , President <b>Patsy Carruthers</b> , Senior Program Manager, Teaching & Academic Support Center
10:50 - 11:00	Student and Teacher Testimonials - <b>David Couch</b>
11:00	Closing Comments - <b>Ann Riggs</b>

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*Classroom demonstrations will follow the program.*