

Kentucky Students,

Welcome back Students! We know there is much excitement about the first day back to school. Some of you may be thinking *"Summer cannot be over!"* If you are excited or a little bummed, the reality is education is important to your future and we would like to tell you a little bit about our work and how we can assist you and offer opportunities in the coming year.

- **Family Involvement**- Families being involved in school is important for several reasons. The most important of those reasons is your success! One way a family member can learn more about Kentucky schools and the education system is to apply to the [CIPL Fellowship - Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence](#).
- **Creating a Family Friendly School**-Your school can become Family Friendly Certified. You could help encourage the school to apply for this certification. Here is a link to more information and a list of schools who are participating. [Family Friendly School Certification](#)
- **Serving on the Statewide Advisory Council**-We need student representatives! Who knows better than you what the needs are in the school? We would love to have you and can work with your school to get your absence from class approved. Contact Brooke Gill brooke.gill@prichardcommittee.org for more information.
- **Serving on the Equity Coalition**-Students are welcome to join our Equity Coalition and share experiences and offer suggestions and solutions to some of the issues our students face. [Join here](#).
- **Having Conversations in Your Community**-Do you aspire to lead in your community, or do you serve on a club or council that does work in the community? A community conversation may be a great event for you and your fellow students to host. Statistics are available for each school district and we can come to your area to help your club or council host this conversation. Join the Groundswell Initiative to learn more: [Groundswell Initiative](#).

We want to showcase the innovative work being done in Kentucky schools and ask you [to share](#) with us examples of this work unfolding in the upcoming year. We wish you a wonderful 2022-2023 school year and much success in your future!



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