‘Early Literacy: A KET Forum’ examines Kentucky’s new approach to teaching early childhood reading

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Kentucky is changing how students learn to read.

After a steady decline in reading levels over the past decade, more than half of Kentucky students are not proficient readers. As a result, Kentucky is joining dozens of other states to implement new curriculum to teach ‘science-based reading.’

In *Early Literacy: A KET Forum*, host Kelsey Starks is joined by a panel of educators and policy analysts to discuss the new approach to teaching reading, how it will be implemented and what this means for Kentucky’s students and schools.

Early Literacy: A KET Forum
KET Monday, Aug. 28 • 8/7 pm
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Panelists appearing on the program include:

- Rep. James Tipton, from Taylorsville, chair of the House Education Committee
- Sen. Stephen West, from Paris, chair of the Senate Education Committee
- Micki Ray, chief academic officer with the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Teaching and Learning
- Lindsay Brooks, first grade teacher at Chancey Elementary with Jefferson County Public Schools
- David Whaley, Ph.D, dean and professor with the College of Education and Human Services at Murray State University
- Phil Howell, associate head of school at DePaul School in Louisville
- Christie Biggerstaff, director of early literacy with Kentucky Department of Education Office of Teaching and Learning

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