



Dataseam Adds Three to Statewide Program

LOUISVILLE, KY (April 25, 2024): Louisville-based Dataseam added three more public school districts to its statewide economic and workforce development initiative.

Jackson County Schools, McKee, Kentucky; Bowling Green Independent Schools, Warren County, and Fayette County Public Schools, Lexington, Kentucky all ratified participation in the partnership through their respective Boards of Education.

Currently, 55 of 171 Kentucky public K-12 districts representing nearly 40% of the state's 634,424 students participate in the Dataseam program. The addition of these three districts represents 46,668 students.

As part of Dataseam program participation, each district will have access to industry-standard technical training and certification for its IT teams, teacher professional development, and U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships for Information Technology, providing 2-year skilled trades certification for high school Juniors and Seniors. With any of these, Dataseam's mission is to improve and grow Kentucky's technology workforce while districts earn computers through Dataseam to drive advanced curriculum opportunities for students at all grade levels.

Computers earned through the program are connected in the statewide DataseamGrid, helping the University of Louisville in the innovation and commercialization of cancer therapies and other Commonwealth-based research. Students from participating counties are eligible for the Dataseam Scholars and other scholarship awards funded by the University of Louisville to support careers in engineering, health sciences, technology, and STEM education.

Dataseam workforce programs are provided through both state and federal funding. The organization recently received a \$3,500,000 appropriation from the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly.

Brian Gupton, Dataseam, stated: "We are excited for the inclusion of all three districts to the program. These additions allow Dataseam to continue serving Kentucky's Appalachian region with Jackson County Schools, but also student populations in both central and western Kentucky. We will learn from each and they will share expertise amongst their new Dataseam neighbors. These districts vary significantly in size but all have need and each have students who have the capacity to play a role in Kentucky's next-generation workforce."

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About Dataseam

Dataseam provides education and workforce development opportunities to 55 participating Kentucky K-12 public school districts as part of research computing infrastructure advancing Kentucky-based innovation and commercialization. More information at www.dataseam.org