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**Kentucky Learning Depot**  
<http://kylearningdepot.org>

The Kentucky Learning Depot, Kentucky's P-20 repository of quality digital learning content, will be launched November 17, 1-3 p.m., in CPE Conference Room A.

The Kentucky Learning Depot is a tool for educators that makes it easy to add high-quality digital content to their courses. It is a one-stop shop for quality digital content that allows educators to share free, engaging, standards-based digital content such as textbooks, animations, and videos. It intends to build a learning community where Kentucky educators can rate and comment on learning content, and scaffold one another in improving courses.

Led by CPE and KDE, this initiative is a collaboration of the Education Cabinet, EPSB, KET, Kentucky Adult Education, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, K-12 schools, and postsecondary institutions. These stakeholders have been developing the depot since October 2007 when the Southern Regional Education Board initiated SCORE (Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education) to help its 16 member states build statewide repositories.

The Kentucky Learning Depot will save money and maximize resources. It will increase efficiency in course development by allowing educators to create resources once and reuse and share them many times. Educators will avoid duplication of efforts because they will have easy access to what their colleagues have already created and used.

For the past decade, the Kentucky Virtual Library, the Kentucky Virtual Campus, and the Kentucky Virtual Schools have not been able to share content across their applications, so this is another way the depot will maximize resources. Economies of scale will be achieved by buying content for use by all Kentucky educators. The depot also will bring together quality learning content from other repositories all across the world to make it easier and convenient for educators to adapt and reuse existing resources developed beyond Kentucky.

The online community that will result from the Kentucky Learning Depot will provide an opportunity for Kentucky educators to create and share best practices in teaching and learning. Because depot content is peer-reviewed and subject to standards, the quality of the content is enhanced. The depot's initial focus is developmental education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).