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**Green River Regional Educational Cooperative Looks to Begin New Continuing Education Option program for educators**

**Bowling Green, KY (October 13, 2020)** - The Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) is pleased to announce their new Continuing Education Option (CEO) program entitled GRREC ED Academies has been approved by Kentucky's Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB). This new program will provide educators across the State the opportunity to earn a Rank change through a personalized professional learning program overseen by GRREC (the EPSB classifies teacher education and experience associated with salary level via a Rank system - Rank III, Rank II, Rank I, etc.). The approval of the GRREC ED program was made possible by a change to the statute (see KRS 161.1211) of a Rank II requiring the obtaining of a Master's degree. With the change in the statute, an educator may now obtain a Rank II designation by obtaining a Master's degree or through a continuing education program. A Rank I may now be obtained by meeting all requirements for a Rank II, plus an additional 30 hours of college credit or successful completion of a continuing education program.

GRREC ED will allow teachers the option of choosing between two personalized pathways: the Accomplished Educator Academy or the Professional Educator Academy. Each Academy offers its own personalized pathway based specifically on the educator's professional growth areas and school and district needs. Each Academy consists of Instructional Focus Areas, Content Focus, and a Leadership Capstone Project.

GRREC ED's first cohort is scheduled to begin in January 2021. For more information and specific inquiries about the program contact: [GRRECED@grrec.org](mailto:GRRECED@grrec.org).