KIRIS scores show improvement; but goals unmet

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Fourth grade test scores at Nicholas County Elementary School were in the Improvement range, announced Instructional Supervisor Phyllis Ramey at Monday's regular meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education.

The KIRIS (Kentucky Instructional Results Information System) test results for 1995 indicated a way to improve - "We've got to teach the contents of the test. That's the bottom line. To me that has to be done if we succeed."

Ramey said that some schoo... look at how students answered test questions and if many students answer incorrectly, then perhaps the material wasn't covered in the curriculum or was covered after the test. Ramey said teachers should make strides to change lesson plans so they get with KIRIS needs so students would get the higher scores.

"It's hard to change teachers who've been in the classroom 20 years," commented Board Member Don Elder.

"It may be a matter of change, or get out," commented Superintendent Randy Everly.

Nicholas County High School students showed improvement in math this year, but Ramey said she was told by KIRIS authorities "not to get excited about that" because the cut-off points were changed and the cut off points were lower for math than other subjects."

The calculations are made by a formula, she said. "All this is done by a formula. I have a copy of the formula. A lot of the subject are weighted, too, but it can be done," she said.

The high school assessment was in the improvement category 2 and has been assigned as a distinguished educator to walk with them. "This is a new category for schools who could not have been in decline, but did not meet their improvement goal. The high school has shown some improvement but not enough to meet the improvement goal," she explained Tuesday afternoon.

Superintendent Everly asked the board, "Add the Apprentice and the Novice scores and you see the magnitude of the problem. We need to get them in the Proficient category."

Ramey explained the KIRIS scores range from Novice to Apprentice to Proficient to Distinguished.

Scores for the Nicholas County eighth grade were down on all levels, she reported. One problem with that is students may develop a bad attitude and not try hard next year and be satisfied with students being in the apprentice level. "I feel we could get stagnant and we'll have a hard time moving them out of the next year. We have to do something."

For The Record

NICHOLAS CO. CIRCUIT CT.
Wednesday, Nov. 6

Joy Louise Brookshire vs. Harold Russell Brookshire III, domestic, final hearing held, final decree TRS.

Jackie Susan M. McIntosh vs. Earl Eugene McIntosh, domestic, final hearing held, final decree.

Philip Lane Patrick vs. Sherry K. Patrick, domestic, final hearing held, final decree.

Elizabeth Jo Watkins vs. Donald Ray Watkins Jr., domestic, final hearing held, final decree.

Bank One, Kentucky, NA vs. Marshall Russell, et al, motion hour, default judgment.

First National Bank of Carlisle vs. Aubrey Fryman et al, motion hour, order deed approved.

Brian Halen, et al vs. Nicholas County Fiscal Court, motion hour, taken under advisement.

Marjorie Siffel, et al, motion hour, sustained order TBS.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Albert C. White, motion hour, default judgment.

Walter Berry Johnson, motion hour, defendant admits violations, probation revoked.

Suzanna M. McConnell, pretrial conference, temper with physical evidence, motion to dismiss sustained, agreed order TBS.

Troy Prather, preliminary hearing, public defendant appointed, Brunson, Rec hearing Nov 20.

Effie Ross, public defendant appointed, Brunson, Rec hearing Nov. 20.

Harold Allen Sidles, sentencing, two counts, arson 3rd degree, sentencing 5 years on count 1, 2 years on count 2 consecutive, probation denied.

Dwayne Douglas Conken vs. Deanna Kay Conken, domestic, final hearing Dec. 18.

Kerry S. Ross vs. Raymond P. Ross III, domestic, order.

Betty Ann Sipp vs. Donald Gene Sipp, domestic, agreed order.

Deborah Irene White vs. Carroll Dean White, domestic, agreed order TBS.

Brian Halen vs. Stephanie Halen, motion, agreed order, TBS.

Jana Louise Adkins vs. Jeffery Wayne Adkins, domestic, no service, reinstat TBS, SC.

Randy Dale Compton vs. Melissa Cox Compton, domestic, arrears 41.50, 2 weeks to pay, order TBS.

Craig Jones vs. Teri S. Emmons, domestic, SC.

Lisa Ann Gilvin Jones vs. Ronald Jeryl Jones, domestic, order.

Gladys Scott vs. Jerry Frederick, motion, order.

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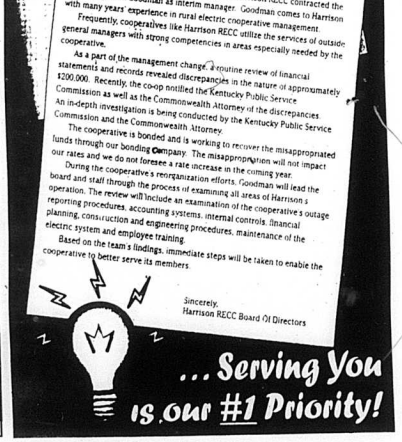

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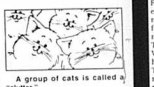

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