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Floyd County Schools: *Early Childhood Programs Receive 5 Stars*

Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb would like to congratulate Floyd County Schools' Early Childhood classrooms for achieving the highest rating on the Kentucky All STARS quality and improvement rating system for early childhood settings.

The Kentucky All STARS rating system has five levels. The first level is obtained by meeting regulatory requirements and the second level builds on that by adding what goes on in the classroom, staff qualifications and training for staff to assist them in growing professionally. Levels three through five involve going beyond requirements.

Webb comments, "All eight elementary schools and the sixteen Early Childhood classrooms in those schools have earned the highest possible rating of five stars on the Kentucky All STARS rating system. This basically means that our Early Childhood program is a program of excellence." Webb continued, "This process started in November of 2016 and has been very thorough. School leaders obtained additional training, teachers submitted samples of what goes on in their classrooms from their daily schedules to sample lessons. The All STARS rating system looked at everything from recess on the playgrounds to the instruction in the classrooms."

Webb concluded, "The board team and I are very proud of our schools, our school leaders, our teachers and paraprofessionals, our family advocate team and our Early Childhood Director, Anna Shepherd. Our Early Childhood team is a great example of how we are striving to be excellent in every area for our KIDS and how through working together, we are getting better and better for KIDS."

*For more information on Kentucky All STARS, visit <http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Improving-Early-Care/Pages/KentuckyAllSTARS.aspx>