



### **Boone County Schools Awarded District Accreditation**

Florence, KY - August 28, 2012 – Randy Poe, Superintendent of Schools announced today that Boone County Schools was granted District Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national commission that confers the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) accreditation seal. This means that the district and all of its schools are accredited, and that Boone County Schools is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.

The accreditation process involves three ongoing components: 1) meeting high quality standards; 2) implementing a continuous process of improvement; and 3) engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review. The district's accreditation is for a five-year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

“District Accreditation as conferred by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission provides Boone County Schools, a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our district and all the schools within our district,” shared Randy Poe. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

The district was evaluated on 7 standards, with a goal of reaching the "Operational" level for each standard. The highest rating is "Highly Functional," and it is rare for a district to receive that rating on more than one or two standards. Boone County Schools received a rating of Highly Functional in the areas of; Vision & Purpose, Governance & Leadership, Teaching & Learning, Resources & Support Systems and Continuous Improvement. They received a rating of Operational in the areas of Documenting and Using Results and Stakeholder Communication & Relationships.

Boone County Schools also received six commendations from the team, which is almost unheard of. A district usually receives 1 or 2 commendations at the end of a review visit.

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, stated, “District Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. Boone County Schools is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement.”

Parents and interested community members can learn more about the District Accreditation Process at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org).

