



**Dear Fleming Countians and the AdvancED External Review Team,**

Our journey as a district, staff, students and a community can best be described by the following Lao Tzu quote:

*“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”*

Over the past two years, the district has established a clearly identifiable and measurable vision statement to become a “District of Distinction.” Our vision has been our “battle cry” as it always directs our focus on student success. With each day, our work on developing a common curriculum, common assessments and operational efficiency, to only mention a few, is about creating the best learning environment so that students experience success.

Since the spring of 2015, the district has been focused on transforming the district through extensive use of AdvancED’s Standards for Quality. The Standards for Quality are ingrained in our work and actually led to the district focusing on the vision, strategic planning, a common curriculum with assessments, continuous improvement and student supports. We constantly speak about how the Standards for Quality have assisted in transforming the district into a Kentucky Distinguished School District.

Furthermore, as a result of our use of the Standards for Quality, the district’s strategic plan is clearly aligned with our work. Over the past two years, we have concentrated on:

- Engagement of all students to ensure success;
- Development of a common curriculum with common assessments;
- Analysis of data and student work through professional learning communities and collaboration;
- Empowerment of all stakeholders through collaborative leadership structures; and
- Connecting all of the district’s systems.

We invite all stakeholders to access and review our progress through the accreditation links provided on our district website ([www.fleming.kyschools.us](http://www.fleming.kyschools.us)). The AdvancED External Review Team and the Kentucky Department of Education will visit the district March 12-15. Since 2015, this date has been on our radar as we celebrate our many successes, as well as speak to our areas of improvement. Our body of work and progress are a result of the collaboration between all stakeholders. Now, as a result of the accreditation process, we are better situated to become a “District of Distinction.”

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (606) 845-5851 or [brian.creasman@fleming.kyschools.us](mailto:brian.creasman@fleming.kyschools.us).

Our Journey Continues...

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***The vision of Fleming County Schools is to become a District of Distinction.***