



NCLB Making a Difference in Kentucky

- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases federal education funding for Kentucky to more than \$1.4 billion – 47% more than when the President took office.
- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases Title I funding to \$178.6 million – \$44.5 million over 2001 levels – to help Kentucky's neediest children.
- Kentucky has received \$43.5 million in reading grants to help schools and districts improve children's reading achievement through scientifically proven methods of instruction since 2002. President Bush's proposed budget includes an additional \$16.1 million for Kentucky. In total, over six years, Kentucky is set to receive approximately \$89.2 million in Reading First funds.
- "More than three-quarters of Jefferson County public schools raised their test scores between 2001 and 2003, Superintendent Stephen Daeschner reported. Between 2001 and 2003, 89 percent of Jefferson County elementary schools improved their school-accountability index – a measure of test scores, attendance, and other factors – compared with 75 percent of middle schools and 76 percent of high schools." (*Louisville Courier-Journal*, 5/25/04)
- "Nearly 95 percent of Kentucky's public school classes last year were led by teachers considered 'highly qualified' under the new federal standards, according to the state's first official count." (*Louisville Courier-Journal*, 6/8/04)
- "According to a recent report by the Education Commission of the States, Kentucky and four other states – Connecticut, New York, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania – met or were on track to meeting all 40 *No Child Left Behind* requirements." (*Associated Press*, 7/14/04)
- "More than three-quarters of Kentucky's public schools met reading and math goals required under the federal *No Child Left Behind* law, based on preliminary results released by the state department of education. That's an improvement over last year, when just slightly more than 60 percent of schools met their goals." (*Louisville Courier Journal*, 8/3/04)
- "Northern Kentucky schools significantly improved their showings in the latest federal accountability reports, with only 25 out of 118 in a 12-county region missing at least one goal. Ninety-three Northern Kentucky schools, or nearly 80 percent, met all their goals in reading, math and other academic markers, based on the preliminary data." (*The Kentucky Post*, 8/4/04)