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Grant to educate students on economics

Fifteen districts claim shares in grant

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HARDIN COUNTY — A local education foundation is seeing to it that students receive an education in economics and finance.

The Kentucky Council on Economic Education received a \$10,000 grant to help 15 school districts along the Interstate 65 corridor, including Hardin County Schools and Elizabethtown Independent Schools, with teaching economics and financial literacy, according to KCEE President Jan Mester. The North Central Education Foundation in Hardin County partnered with KCEE on the grant, and plans to continue working on the project.

KCEE's grant proposal requested money for teaching materials and a coordinator who will serve as a liaison between the council and the districts.

KCEE and the foundation met with some of the districts at the end of October to discuss how KCEE could help them with economics lessons, including teaching materials, professional development for teachers and classroom activities it could offer.

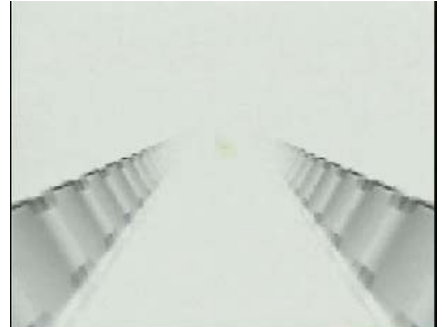
Mester plans to meet with district representatives about what economic or financial literacy programs are most needed, and KCEE also will likely offer professional development to the teachers of those classes.

NCEF will help facilitate these meetings, Executive Director Al Rider said. Rider said education on personal finances is necessary for students to make wise financial decisions in the future.

"I think we're just very fortunate to get it," Rider said of the grant.

Mester hopes this will also spawn a continued relationship with the districts, and that they will continue to turn to KCEE for future needs.

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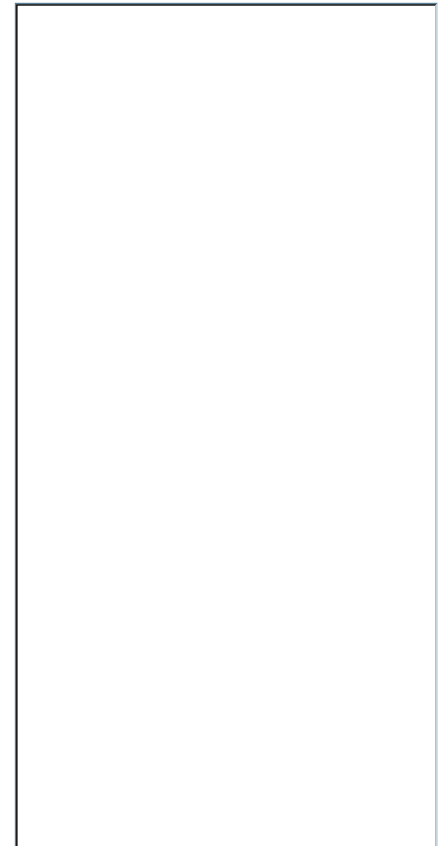
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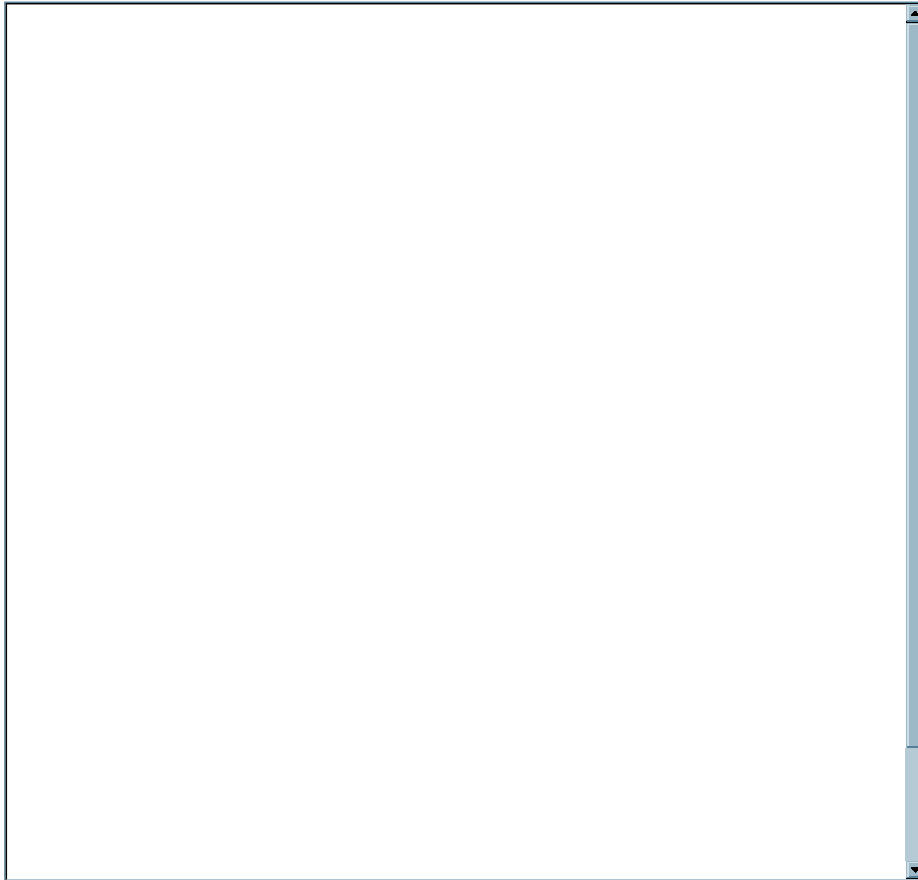
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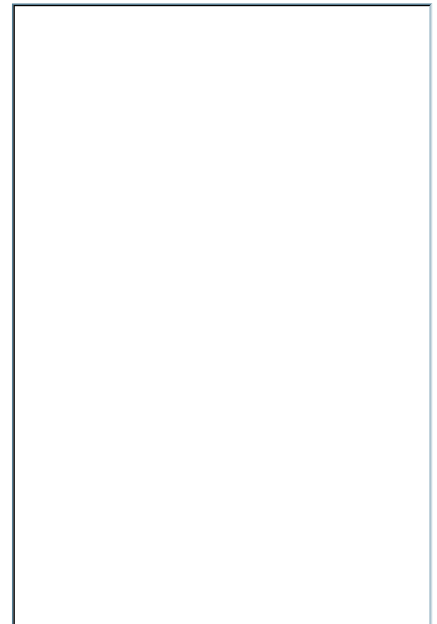


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