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CBE WILL NOT APPEAL FUNDING RULING

The Council for Better Education will not appeal a recent ruling on the adequacy of Kentucky school funding, but will continue to lead efforts for adequate resources to reach proficiency for all Kentucky students.

“Our bottom line is delivering for every Kentucky child. We will continue to press for that result,” said CBE President Roger L. Marcum in announcing the June 8 decision by the CBE membership.

The Council for Better Education, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation whose members are 164 of the 175 public school districts in Kentucky. In 2003, CBE began litigation arguing that the General Assembly has not met its constitutional obligation on school funding. In February 2007, the Franklin County Circuit Court ruled against CBE in a summary judgment order, and on May 30, the same court denied CBE’s motion to reconsider.

“Our members continue to believe that Kentucky’s academic progress is too slow,” Marcum reported. “Too many students are not reaching proficiency, and results are especially inadequate for students from low-income families, students from ethnic minorities, and students with disabilities.

CBE will continue to be an active voice for adequate funding to serve all Kentucky children well.”

The June 8 CBE action does not rule out new litigation at some later date.

If future educational results are weaker, a lawsuit would be a possibility, as allowed by the Franklin Circuit decision.

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