

Exceptional News

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NEW OEEC LEADER

Lois Adams, Principal of Henry County Middle School, will assume responsibilities as head of the OEEC on July 1, 1984. Ms. Adams is a member of CEC and is, therefore, well-known to many of us. A brief summary of her numerous activities and experiences follows.

Education:

B.A. and M.Ed. - U of L
Rank I in Educational Administration -
U of L
Enrolled in Doctoral Program - U of L

Experience:

Principal, H.C.M.S. - 2 years
Special Education Coordinator for Carroll
and Henry Counties - 2 1/2 years
In-Service Education Specialist, U of L
School of Education - 1 year
KDE, Program Coordinator for KEDR XV, L.D.
Consultant, Right to Education Specialist,
Executive Assistant to Bureau Head -
2 1/2 years.
Teacher of elementary Title I Math Lab -
three schools in Jefferson County -
4 years.

Organizations:

KASA, CEC, CASE, PDK, ASCD, KMSA, CLD,
OVASA, KASSP.
President-Elect of OVASA
Treasurer of KMSA
Secretary of CASE

Honors and Activities:

Outstanding University of Louisville
Alumni, 1980
Member of Board of Directors, Seven Counties
Services, Inc.
Chairperson, Board of Directors, Community
Employment, Inc.
Participant in Kentucky Education Leadership
Institute, 1983-84.

Ms. Adams recently made the following statement, "I am delighted to be in the position to work cooperatively with individuals and organizations who have the best interests of exceptional children and youth as their focal point. The need for cooperative, unified efforts to serve all children has been apparent for some time. The challenge presented to all of us within the parameters of limited funding will require an open flow of communication between all interested groups and individuals. I welcome your input and assistance in moving forward with quality educational programs for the exceptional children and youth in the Commonwealth."

DID YOU KNOW?

- Judy Ashmore, EMH teacher from Jefferson County and Kentucky Federation Governor, was elected International CEC First Vice-President.
- The 1985 Federation conference will be at the Galt House in Louisville on March 29-30.
- Over 1,000 people attended the 1984 Federation Convention at Drawbridge.
- CASE adopted new Ethical Standards for Directors and Coordinators of Special Education at the Drawbridge conference.

A Personal Message

Betty D. Cox, Editor

May 29, 1984

Dear Governor Collins:

I should like to thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of education during the 1984 General Assembly. Hopefully, some of the ideas embodied in your Learning Improvement Plan will be implemented during the next legislative session.

Unfortunately, services for handicapped children not only did not improve but, in fact, were significantly decreased. Of particular concern is the cut of 100 teaching units for exceptional children. Classes for handicapped children throughout the Commonwealth are filled to capacity and often over state regulation maximums. In many instances classes for handicapped children will contain twice the number of students as will be in classes for remedial instruction. While remedial instruction is critical for many children, exceptional child classes are the only services for thousands of handicapped children. Improvements in basic education programs such as regular classroom programs, special education programs, and vocational programs will improve the quality of education for all of our children. Remedial instruction for first and second graders is certainly not a replacement for basic services for regular program or exceptional program students.

Kentucky appears to be moving toward the kind of crisis in education that prompted the need for a Consent Agreement on behalf of handicapped children in 1974. The Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children would like to express our grave concern over the state of services for handicapped children and would like to offer assistance to you in your efforts to improve services in this area and on behalf of all of the school-age children in Kentucky. Perhaps by working together we can find solutions to these immediate and pressing problems. Our organization will be working with our elected officials and other concerned organizations from now until the next General Assembly. We would be glad to meet with you to discuss our concerns in detail and to explore possible solutions to these problems.

Again, thank you for your efforts.

FEDERATION ELECTS A V.P.

At the CEC conference at Drawbridge in March the Federation membership elected a Vice-President and a Treasurer. The new Vice-President is also editor of this newsletter and in that capacity will be introducing the Treasurer and other new Executive Board members in subsequent editions. The new Vice-President, Charlie Muntz, has been a prominent participant in a variety of professional activities and the following is only a summary of a few highlights of his career.

Education:

A.B. and M.A. - Eastern Kentucky
Certification and Rank I in S.E. - U of K
Certifications as General Supervisor and
S.E. Supervisor - Eastern Kentucky

Experience:

Director of Special Education, Franklin
County Public Schools - 8 years
Special Education teacher - Harrison
County - 7 years
Social Science teacher - Georgetown -
1 year
Social Science teacher - Harrison County -
1/2 year
Teacher - Midway College and Kentucky State
University - various semesters - 5 years.

Organizations:

CEC, CASE, KARC, KASA, KASCD, Phi Delta Kapa
President of CASE from 1979-80.

Honors and Activities:

Recipient of the "Outstanding Contributor
in the Field of Special Education" Award
for 1982 by the Kentucky Federation.
Recipient of the 1982 "Kentucky CASE
Leadership Award".
Served on State Advisory Panel for Excep-
tional Children from 1980 to 1983.
Executive Board member of People Under-
standing Special Handicaps from
1981-1984. (PUSH is a parent
organization which Charlie helped
initiate.)
Member of United Way Board of Frankfort,
1982-84.
Member of Central Kentucky Re-Ed Advisory
Panel, 1984.