## Press Release: Campbell County Schools Awarded Family Friendly Schools Certification



Campbell Ridge Elementary, Cline Elementary, Crossroads Elementary, Grant's Lick Elementary, Reiley Elementary, Campbell County Middle School, and Campbell County High School have all been awarded Family Friendly Schools Certification from the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

"Schools that earn this certification have demonstrated their commitment to proactively engaging families in their student's education," said Brigitte Blom, president and CEO of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. "The schools in the Campbell County School District have been innovative and energetic in their efforts to make families a valued part of their school's team, which enriches the learning experience for students. We're excited they've chosen to pursue this certification to demonstrate their dedication to their students and community."

CCS has worked to foster more effective partnerships with families and the broader community. As part of the certification process, a multidisciplinary team consisting of families, teachers and administrators, at each school, used a self-assessment tool to evaluate the school's family engagement performance. This team evaluated the school's practices, identified key areas for improvement, and integrated new practices designed to elevate its family-friendly rating.

The Family Friendly Schools Certification is awarded by the Prichard Committee after applications are reviewed and scored by a working group of families, educators and community organizations. The group is focused on increasing open communication, learning opportunities and shared decision-making power across the Kentucky education system.

The Kentucky Department of Education includes the Family Friendly Schools Certification in its school report card as evidence of effective family engagement.

"We are incredibly proud of the dedication and intentional efforts of our schools to create welcoming and inclusive environments for families. Earning the Family Friendly Schools Certification was no small feat; it required significant time and effort from teams, beyond the school day. Teachers, administrators, and families collaborated to evaluate current practices, develop innovative ideas, and implement new events and strategies designed to strengthen the family-school partnership. This recognition reflects not only our schools' commitment to fostering strong connections with families but also the energy and creativity invested in making these partnerships meaningful. We hope families see the fruits of this labor in the enhanced communication, opportunities, and sense of belonging we continue to work to cultivate. On behalf of our district, I want to express my gratitude for the support and engagement of our families as we work together to ensure every child in Campbell County Schools has the opportunity to thrive," said Dr. Shelli Wilson, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools.