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District:	Butler County
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Highlight of Effective Practice 1

Programs Addressed	Alternative Programs		Title III		Career and Technical Education	
	IDEA		Title I	X	Title II	
Preschool		Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES)		Program Reviews		Gifted and Talented

Budget Process

The district has an exceptional process for budgeting from the top down. Purchases at all levels are approved and justified to ensure proper and effective use of funds. This process along with overall oversight of the school budget has generated enough savings to allowed the district to provide extra teachers at all schools.

The finance officer is encouraged to submit their budget and funding processes and practices to the Best Practices website at <http://applications.education.ky.gov/bestpractices>

Final Overview

Butler County has made some extraordinary gains in the past few years. These include creative budgeting to allow for changes in the school building that resulted in reducing energy consumption by almost 50%. These savings have been redirected to the schools to provide services to students.

We have noticed that district leadership appears to show a strong commitment to programs within the schools. Involved district leadership and community support provide strong programs within the schools for students.

As some of the district staff prepare to retire, we also encourage Butler County to begin a mentoring program to ensure that there is little loss in the knowledge base as some members.

While there are some points each program may need to address to continue improving their service to students, we look forward to seeing continued growth in Butler County.