

COMMUNITY

Rowan County Schools Steps Onto the National Stage



A Kentucky district's approach to measuring student success is drawing attention beyond the state line

When a national education organization looks for districts leading the way on a new idea, it is a sign that something notable is happening. That is the case for Rowan County Schools. In a recent article, KnowledgeWorks, a national nonprofit focused on the future of learning, named Rowan as one of

two Kentucky districts at the forefront of building a local accountability system, alongside Woodford County Schools.

For a district in Eastern Kentucky, that kind of recognition puts local work in front of a national audience of policymakers, educators and state leaders.

What the spotlight is shining on

KnowledgeWorks pointed to the way Rowan is defining success in line with its own vision



for what students should know and be able to do. Two features stand out:

- Durable skills. Rowan's system includes measures of the lasting abilities, like collaboration, communication and problem solving, that students carry into any career or community.
- Industry certification attainment. The district also tracks the credentials students earn, which show families and employers that graduates are ready for the workforce.

Both connect to what Kentucky calls "vibrant learning experiences": learning that is meaningful, engaging and connected to real life, and that sparks curiosity, creativity and collaboration.

Transparency that earns trust

Rowan County Schools shares its results through a public community dashboard and the Kentucky Department of Education's School Report Card.

View the School Report

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area

The Post Clinic, 15 Sterling Ave., Mt. Sterling, KY, offers free medical and dental healthcare services to all uninsured, under-insured, unemployed, and under-employed persons from all areas. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 859-498-0231. Check

out their website at www.postclinic.org

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 143 Serving Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan Counties Meeting every 3rd Saturday of the months at 1 p.m. at the Salt Lick Fire Department

Card: <https://reportcard.kyschools.us/home>

This is part of why the district stands out. The system is built around what the community values, and residents can see for themselves how local schools are progressing. Openness like this is a model other districts can learn from.

A state-level boost

Rowan's work comes at a time when Kentucky is backing local efforts like it. HB 257, passed in spring 2026, writes a framework for local accountability systems into state law, provides funding for their development, and requires the Kentucky Department of Education to provide technical assistance.

That support matters nationally, too. KnowledgeWorks presents Kentucky's grassroots, community-driven approach as a possible roadmap for other states, and districts like Rowan are the proof of concept that makes the roadmap credible.

Local roots, national relevance

Brandy Carver, assistant superintendent in Rowan County Schools, describes the district's mission as graduating students who are "ready to be a part of the community." It is a simple

goal, but it speaks to what many communities across the country want from their schools.

Because Kentucky's local systems don't pit districts against one another, Rowan can share what it learns with other districts, and other districts can share with Rowan. That collaboration is part of why the state's approach is attracting interest from outside Kentucky.

Looking ahead

HB 257 will be implemented over several years, and state leaders say the work is far from finished. But Rowan County has already shown that a community-centered approach can earn attention well beyond its borders. As other states look for ways to reimagine how they define school success, Rowan County is helping show what is possible.

Source: "Kentucky Redefines Accountability to Support Vibrant Learning," by Jon Alfuth, KnowledgeWorks, October 9, 2026. <https://knowledgeworks.org/resources/kentucky-redefines-accountability-vibrant-learning-durable-skills/>



Cooperative Extension Service

Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources and 4-H Youth Development
Rowan County – RE56169
Deadline: 11/10/2026
BS required
<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/652491>

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities and women.

Lakeview Community Church will be having



Saturday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The church is located at 581 Cave Run Lake Road, Salt Lick.

MOREHEAD UTILITY PLANT BOARD
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY
US 60 SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION – PHASE 1

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the US 60 SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION – PHASE 1 will be received, by MOREHEAD UTILITY PLANT BOARD (MUPB), at their office, 135 South Wilson Avenue, Morehead, KY 40351, until 10:00 am local time on November 17, 2026, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of one contract constructing of approximately 2,500 LF of 36-inch PVC gravity sewer, 800 LF of 8-inch gravity sewer, 13 precast man-holes, and other appurtenances.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: LYNN IMAGING, 328 VINE STREET, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507, (859) 255-1021. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on their website (<https://www.lynnimaging.com>) and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the OWNER; MUPB OFFICE, 135 SOUTH WILSON AVENUE, MOREHEAD, KY 40351, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 PM (LOCAL TIME); and the office of the Engineer, BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING, PLLC, 222 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY 40324, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 PM (LOCAL TIME).

Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online by registering with the Issuing Office at www.lynnimaging.com. Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded/ordered from the Issuing Office. Bidding documents can be purchased for \$350.00, which is nonrefundable. Contractor can choose between either hardcopy or electronic Bidding Documents. All qualified BIDDERS must purchase a set of Bidding Documents and listed as a plan holder by Issuing Office, Lynn Imaging.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. No BIDDER may withdraw their bid within 90 days after the date of the bid opening. All bidders shall submit forms contained in section 004XXX with bids at time of bid opening.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. The award of the project will be to the low, best, responsive, responsible BIDDER. Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to bid on this project. MUPB is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This project is funded with funds provided by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) – Fund B Loan.

Owner: Morehead Utility Plant Board
By: Holly McGrath-Rosas
Title: General Manager
Date: October 29, 2026

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State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 20th day of October 2026 the Fiscal Court adopted an Ordinance whereas the Fiscal Court believes that for the general safety and welfare of the public that there is just cause for the implementation of a 2-way stop at the intersection of Jackson Drive (CR1365), Logan Hollow (CR1346). Copy on file in County Clerk's Office.

Ordinance #08-26

Given this the 20th day of October 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 20th day of October 2026 the Fiscal Court adopted an Ordinance whereas the County of Rowan has realized unbudgeted receipts in the Road Fund in the amount of \$178,183.00 for Flex Funding for FY 2026/2027.

Ordinance #09-26

Given this the 20th day of October 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 20th day of October 2026 the Fiscal Court held the 1st reading of an Ordinance whereas the County of Rowan has realized unbudgeted receipts in the General, Road, Jail, Forest and ARPA funds in the amount of \$1,313,728.62. The unbudgeted receipts are in prior year carryover, homeland security grant, emergency management reimbursement, KACo Workers Compensation dividend, telephone commission, and interest. Second reading to be held November 17, 2026. Copy on file in County Clerk's Office.

Ordinance #10-26

Given this the 20th day of October 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I

File No. 26-CI-90048

U.S. BANK

VS:

DOUGLAS STONE, ET AL

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on June 16, 2026, to raise the sum of \$90,809.63, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Rowan County Judicial Center, 700 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351, on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land commonly known as 275 Campbell Branch, Morehead, KY, 40351, bearing PVA ID NO. 121-00 00 015.01, containing an estimated 2.0 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Douglas Stone by deed dated September 16, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 215, Page 592, of the Rowan County Records.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he shall post bond with acceptable surety for the unpaid purchase price bearing interest at the judgment rate from the date of the sale. The surety may be an individual who owns real estate in Kentucky who must be present at the sale, or an alternative type of surety. Alternative types of acceptable surety may be obtained by an email request to budsalyer4@gmail.com. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Rowan County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Rowan Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed; (J) Announcements made at the time of sale take precedence over any statement contained herein; (K) Purchaser is responsible for the current year's taxes.

Anyone wishing to be added to a mailing list of future sales should send a request to budsalyer4@gmail.com.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I

File No. 24-CI-90049

ARCPE 1 LLC

VS:

REBECCA PRICE, ET AL

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on February 12, 2026, to raise the sum of \$69,051.02 plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Rowan County Judicial Center, 700 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351, on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following property:

Three tracts of land commonly known as 762 Dry Creek Road, Clearfield, KY 40313, bearing PVA ID No. 081-30-00-083.00, containing approximately 13 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Roy Price, et ux, by deed dated May 4, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 221, Page 119, of the Rowan County Records, the same to be sold as one tract.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he shall post bond with acceptable surety for the unpaid purchase price bearing interest at the judgment rate from the date of the sale. The surety may be an individual who owns real estate in Kentucky who must be present at the sale, or an alternative type of surety. Alternative types of acceptable surety may be obtained by an email request to budsalyer4@gmail.com. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Rowan County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Rowan Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed; (J) Announcements made at the time of sale take precedence over any statement contained herein; (K) Purchaser is responsible for the current year's taxes.

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