

# Colby bank president elected to state association board

C. Lewis Evins, president and chief executive officer of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby, was recently elected to serve on the Kansas Bankers Association Board of Directors.

The announcement was made at the association's annual meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Saturday, Aug. 7, said Kristin Keeney, with the Bankers Association.

"Board membership comes as a part of Evins' second year of service as an association regional repre-

sentative, which is a three-year position his colleagues elected him to last spring," she said. "The Kansas Bankers Association divides the state into six geographical regions for purposes of regional representation on the asso-



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ciation's governing council."

In offering some educational background and his career, Keeney said that Evins graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in business administration in 1974, he started his banking career as a teller at Security State Bank of Scott City.

In 1981, he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado and, in addition to overseeing Farmers and Merchants Bank, Evins serves as chairman of

Security State Bank of Scott City and chairman of Farmers State Bank, Oakley, Keeney said.

All three banks are owned by Security Bancshares of Scott City. Evins and his wife, Audrey, have two grown children. James L. Evins, a lending officer at Security State Bank of Scott City, and his

wife, Carrie, have two daughters, Avery and Emma.

Dr. Amanda Evins Tauscher, a dermatology resident, lives in Denver with her husband, Jeff.

*Editor's note: The Kansas Bankers Association represents 357 member banks and is a full-service, voluntary banking association that*

*has served the needs of its member banks (made up of 99 percent of banks in Kansas) for 117 years.*

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## Six more schools miss goals, state says

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TOPEKA (AP) — Six Wichita schools and the entire district have been added to a statewide list of those failing to make adequate academic progress last year.

The additions join six districts and 15 schools with a majority of students living in poverty that also failed to make adequate progress. The State Department of Education released its revised list Thursday.

The listed schools are "Title I" schools, which receive federal money targeted to schools with significant numbers of poor students. Other districts' results were available last week, when Wichita and state officials were still trying to verify that district's data.

Last year, the entire Wichita district was not on the list, but four of its schools were included.

Wichita officials said they remained pleased with their district's results because meeting goals for adequate progress is becoming more difficult with each passing year.

That's partly a function of the two-year-old federal No Child Left Behind law, designed to ensure that all students are proficient in reading and math by 2014.

"They keep moving the bar up every year," said district spokeswoman Susan Arensman.

And district lobbyist Diane Gjerstad said Wichita continues to see the number of students who speak little or no English increase about 10 percent a year.

Meanwhile, state Education Commissioner Andy Tompkins was pleased with the revised numbers. Last year, 30 schools and seven districts were on the Title I list, which designates the schools as

"on improvement."

"I think the decrease we experienced this year in the number of schools on improvement can be attributed in large part to the efforts of educators in this state who have really focused in on achievement in these areas," Tompkins said. "There are a lot of people working very hard to help students improve academically and we're seeing some of the results of that work."

In Wichita, three schools — Caldwell Elementary and Marshall and Mead middle schools — made the list for the second consecutive year. Three other middle schools, Curtis, Hamilton and Pleasant Valley, were added, while Anderson Elementary dropped off.

There were 665 Title I schools in Kansas in 2003-04, about half of the total, while 301 of the state's 302 school districts were Title I. Blue Valley in Johnson County is the sole exception.

The state will release the results of the remaining schools on Oct. 12, including building report cards that show progress of each school in the state. The report cards are another part of federal mandates under the federal 2002 No Child Left Behind law.

The law requires states to set goals for general classifications of

students, as well as subgroups based on race, income and language skills. Failure by any one subgroup can land a school or district on the improvement list.

In Kansas, the proficiency target for reading was 57.3 percent in kindergarten through eighth grade and 51 percent in grades nine through 12. Math proficiency was set at 53.5 percent for grades K-8 and 38 percent for grades 9-12.

Under federal law, schools that fail to make adequate yearly progress in math and reading for two years are designated as "on improvement."













Schools making the list for the first time are required to offer parents the option to transfer students to other district schools.

For the second year on the list, schools and districts are required to begin additional services to improve student achievement, such as tutoring or extended learning time. In the third year, schools must develop a plan for corrective action, which would be implemented in the fourth year. Those changes could include restructuring the school's organization and changing its curriculum and instruction techniques.

No monetary penalty is imposed by the state or federal government for failing to make the goals.

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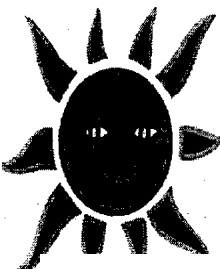
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