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Rep. John Will Stacy joins Menifee County teachers during technology training.

Frankfort, KY: Teachers in Menifee County spent their President's Day in class learning how to better use new computers currently being installed in the schools. Teachers were joined by Representative John Will Stacy, who was instrumental in allocating the funds that brought the computers to the school as part of the Coal Computing Program managed by Kentucky Dataseam.

According to Superintendent Charles Mitchell the district expects to receive nearly 300 computers this year from Dataseam and has planned a series of workshops to help teachers take full advantage of the new computers in the classroom. Dataseam provides new computers for schools in Kentucky coal counties and then runs important cancer research on the machines when the students are not using them.

"It was great to see how teachers and students can benefit from this new technology in their classrooms," said Rep. Stacy (D-West Liberty). "It is important that our students have the tools and learn the skills that they will need in our ever changing world.

Instructors from Morehead State University conducted half-day workshops in which teachers explored the new computers equipped with cameras, microphones and movie making software that will help students produce 21st-century education projects as part of their classes. The other half of the day was spent learning about the new statewide student accounting system.

"I was impressed with the energy that teachers brought to these sessions," said Brian Gupton, Dataseam CEO, "The district has made a significant commitment to our program and we are going to do everything possible to help them get the best use out of the latest technology."

"These computers are modern economic development that helps power young minds in Menifee County and important research at our state universities, said Rep. Stacy, "It makes me proud to think that computers in Menifee County will help fight cancer not only here in Kentucky, but world-wide."

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