



Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

CSDGKC MISSION

The mission of the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City is to leverage our members' combined strengths to provide high-quality and cost-effective services and resources to maximize learning for all students.

Economic Impact Study documents the effect of schools on communities

A landmark study by CSDGKC of 27 school districts in an 11-county region in Missouri (in and around Kansas City) shows the powerful economic impact of schools on a community.

Focused in four areas – budget, workforce, technology and services – the study provides some eye-opening results to those who might dismiss the effect schools have on a community's financial well-being. Specifically:

BUDGET Combining payroll, benefits, contracted services, and meal sales for the 2011-2012 school year, plus an annual average over a five-year period for technology upgrades, capital budget dollars and construction projects, the total annual economic impact of the 27 districts was \$1.8 billion.



WORKFORCE Close to 30,000 individuals are employed in the participating districts, with 76 percent of them receiving benefits such as health, dental and vision.

TECHNOLOGY Districts have upgraded their technology to the tune of more than \$168 million (not including employee salaries), with work that includes adding or improving wireless environments, adding or upgrading computers, laptops and/or tablets purchased for 1-to-1 initiatives, and software upgrades.



SERVICES Among the highlights are before and after school programs for more than 20,000 students, close to 11,000 students enrolled in preschool programs, low-cost entertainment (sports and the arts) for communities, more than 20 million miles driven each year to provide transportation for students, and nearly 29 million meals served annually.

A summary of the study is available through CSDGKC in PowerPoint and brochure format for member districts to use as they see fit in talking with patrons about the role that schools play in the financial well-being of their communities.

Successful CHARACTERplus program now available to CSDGKC members

A staple in St. Louis educational circles for many years, the well-respected **CHARACTERplus** character education program is now available to CSDGKC districts, thanks to a partnership between the two organizations.

Through a variety of educational programs and resources tailored to the specific needs of school districts and their individual buildings, CHARACTERplus builds critical skills that will help students in the classroom and beyond, while helping to create schools filled with strong, character-minded students.

Belton, Independence and West Platte are already involved, and the Independence School District recently had two schools achieve state-level "School of Character" recognition – a first in the Kansas City area for that specific honor.



Information about CHARACTERplus is available through CSDGKC.



Eisenreich Foundation partners with CSDGKC

Jim Eisenreich became a hero to children and adults dealing with Tourette Syndrome when he was able to make a successful return to his professional baseball career – including a stint with the Kansas City Royals.

Those life lessons – for students with TS and for the educators who work with them – are the basis of programs provided through the Jim Eisenreich Foundation for Children with Tourette Syndrome. The goal is to help students with Tourette Syndrome achieve greater academic success.

Now a partner with CSDGKC, the Eisenreich Foundation provides free workshops and roundtable programs, resource guides for educators, and presentations by Jim Eisenreich himself. For more information, e-mail the Foundation at ContactUs@Tourettes.org

CSDGKC Maintains Fiscal Stability

The **annual audit** of CSDGKC showed, once again, that the organization is on very solid financial footing. Copies of the audit for 2011-2012 are available for review.

A summary of revenues and expenditures for the past five years is shown in the following chart. Current, year-to-date, information is also included.

**Actual Revenues vs. Expenditures
2007-08 thru 2012-13**



MoLEAD aims to develop future Missouri school leaders

With the No Child Left Behind flexibility waiver request, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is providing targeted support to 117 identified focus schools, including some in the Kansas City area. As a part of this effort, DESE has partnered with the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) to develop a program call **Missouri Leadership for Excellence, Achievement and Development**, or MoLEAD.



MoLEAD follows the model of NISL's flagship program – the Executive Development Program for School Leaders – which has been a success in many states, helping to develop future school leaders including principals, assistant principals, aspiring principals and teacher leaders.

CSDGKC was provided a participant seat in MoLEAD's first training, and Paul Shrout will be attending through 2014. Four member districts – Hickman Mills, Kansas City, Raytown and St. Joseph – are also participating.

CSDGKC office relocation coming



The offices of CSDGKC will soon be packing up and moving – but only two blocks up the street.

Specifically, the offices will be moving from its current location to 3444 Broadway, to make room for a new tenant in their current building that has significant space requirements. The phone and fax numbers will be the same at the new location, and an announcement about the moving date will be made once the details have been finalized.

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Affiliate member list grows; Associate member list steady

The list of **Affiliate Members** of CSDGKC now stands at 14. Brightergy and School Specialty are new members this year. They join the following organizations:

ACI/Boland	MindMixer
BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas City	Patron Insight, Inc.
CBIZ	Piper Jaffrey
Guin Martin Mundorf	Precision Roofing
ING	Security Benefit
k12itc	VALIC

In addition, the Metropolitan Community Colleges, and the University of Central Missouri continued their Associate Member status with CSDGKC, while Plaza Heights Christian Academy became a CSDGKC Foundation Member.

ROI REMAINS STRONG FOR FULL MEMBER DISTRICTS

CSDGKC continues to be a solid investment for districts at the Full Member level.

Specifically, for each **\$2.00** per student, per year invested by these districts, CSDGKC returns – on average – **\$7.00** in benefits.

It's the kind of Return On Investment that's ideal, particularly in these challenging economic times.

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PDN CCSS Next Generation Continuum moves to Phase II

A total of 67 teams of six, from 29 CSDGKC member school districts are playing an active role in the three-phase Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Next Generation Continuum training that includes face-to-face workshops, a CCSS Academy, and digital and virtual support.

The teams are nearing completion of Phase I – Building Awareness and Understanding the Implications of the **CCSS and Next Generation Assessments**. This summer, they will be moving into Phase II, which is Focused, High-Impact Professional Development.

Phase II includes the launch of a CCSS Academy, which will assist

teachers in creating rigorous units of instruction that will facilitate the implementation of the Content Specifications of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium. Phase III will take this work and extend it into the classroom, helping teachers bring this more rigorous instruction to life through real-world investigations.



Strength in numbers

CSDGKC continues to be the unified voice of its membership, helping to keep the needs of school districts, the students they serve, the staff members they employ, and the communities who count on them front and center. Together with our Associate, Affiliate and Foundation members, we seek to build meaningful alliances that benefit our school district members, to address issues proactively, and to stand up for public education in all available venues.

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