



2013-2014 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.

Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City

Annual Economic Impact Study shows continuing financial benefits from school districts

The second annual Economic Impact Study by CSDGKC demonstrates that the financial impact of school districts on their communities remains significant.

This year's study included data from 26 Missouri school districts located in 11 counties in and around Kansas City, along with first-time participation from 13 Kansas side school districts.

The data was, once again, targeted on four key economic areas – budget, workforce, technology and services. Comparing year-to-year numbers for the Missouri districts that participated shows that schools continue to be a key cog in their communities' economic engines. Specifically:



BUDGET Using data for the 2012-2013 school year, and measuring payroll, health insurance, contracted services, and meal sales, the 26 Missouri school districts that participated in this study have a total economic impact of almost \$1.5 billion on their local communities.

WORKFORCE The participating Missouri school districts reported more than 25,000 employees, with 85 percent of them receiving health insurance from their district.



TECHNOLOGY Making certain their students have access to technology that will help them compete in a global economy led to almost \$35 million in investments from the Missouri side school districts. These investments included adding or upgrading wireless networks and software, along with the purchase of laptops and tablets for student use.

SERVICES Among the Missouri highlights are more than 8,000 children enrolled in preschool programs, more than 21 million miles traveled by school busses and other forms of transportation, and more than 28 million meals served (combining breakfast and lunch).



TOTAL IMPACT When the 13 Kansas side school districts are included, the total economic impact is more than \$2.7 billion, with more than 42,000 total employees, and more than \$71 million in technology upgrades.

The complete study – in brochure and PowerPoint form – is available from CSDGKC for school districts that want to use this information in presentations to their own communities.



FULL MEMBER DISTRICTS CONTINUE TO ENJOY POSITIVE ROI

In a time when every dollar has to work harder than ever before, school districts at the CSDGKC Full Member level continue to receive a solid return on their investment.

For every \$2.00 per student, per year invested, CSDGKC returns – on average – \$7.00 to \$8.00 in benefits.

It's a return that affirms that CSDGKC membership is truly a sound investment for school districts.

CSDGKC Executive Director receives recognition



Dr. Gayden Carruth, Executive Director of CSDGKC, was named in the February 2014 issue of Ingram's magazine, as one of 10 "Icons of Education," individuals who, the magazine notes, "have dedicated their lives to the mission of educating the region's youth."

In the accompanying story, Dr. Carruth said, "My classroom has changed, but I still consider myself a teacher. It doesn't matter whether it was a classroom of students or, as superintendent, a seven-member classroom with the School Board, or an entire staff or entire community – you're always engaged in the process of teaching."

PDN participation continues to expand

More than 2,800 school district staff members took part this past year in workshops sponsored by the Professional Development Network of CSDGKC whose mission is, "Providing sustained, high-quality professional development that is differentiated and cost-effective, through district collaboration and shared commitment."

Topics for the PDN's programs are identified by the PDN Executive Board, which consists of academic services and professional development personnel from member districts. PDN programming is available to CSDGKC full member districts, plus the 20 districts that belong only to the PDN.

This year's presenters included Bob Marzano, Sue Gendron, Ellin Keene, Greg Tang, Sonny Magaña, Debbie Miller, Ray McNulty and Bernadette Lambert.

The focus of the programs is practical, and very hands on, as one participant observed, "I loved how the presenter had us actually participate in the learning activities. This will help me better implement some of the strategies in my classroom."

Associate and Affiliate member lists showcase supporters of education

The Metropolitan Community College and the University of Central Missouri continued their status as Associate Members of CSDGKC. A total of 16 organizations were Affiliate Members.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Metropolitan Community College
University of Central Missouri

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Gold Membership
BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas City

Silver Membership
Brightergy

Bronze Membership
Guin Mundorf
Missouri Ed Counsel

Basic Membership

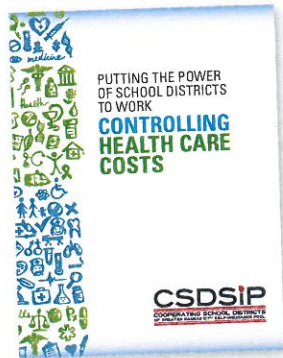
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ParentisUSA
Patron Insight, Inc.
Piper Jaffray
Precision Roofing
School Specialty
Security Benefit
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Greater control, customized service and return of surplus funds key benefits of CSDSIP

Full member districts of CSDGKC now have a unique opportunity to regain a bit of control over the costs and management of health insurance by joining the Cooperating School Districts Self-Insurance Pool (CSDSIP).

The pool was founded in 2013, with initial members being Blue Springs School District, Grain Valley School District and Smithville School District. Lone Jack School District became a member shortly thereafter.



Employees, spouses, dependents and retirees of participating member districts are all eligible for the plan. By pooling employees, CSDSIP member districts enjoy greater leverage in designing and managing their plans, enhanced risk sharing, and reduced expenses and overhead.



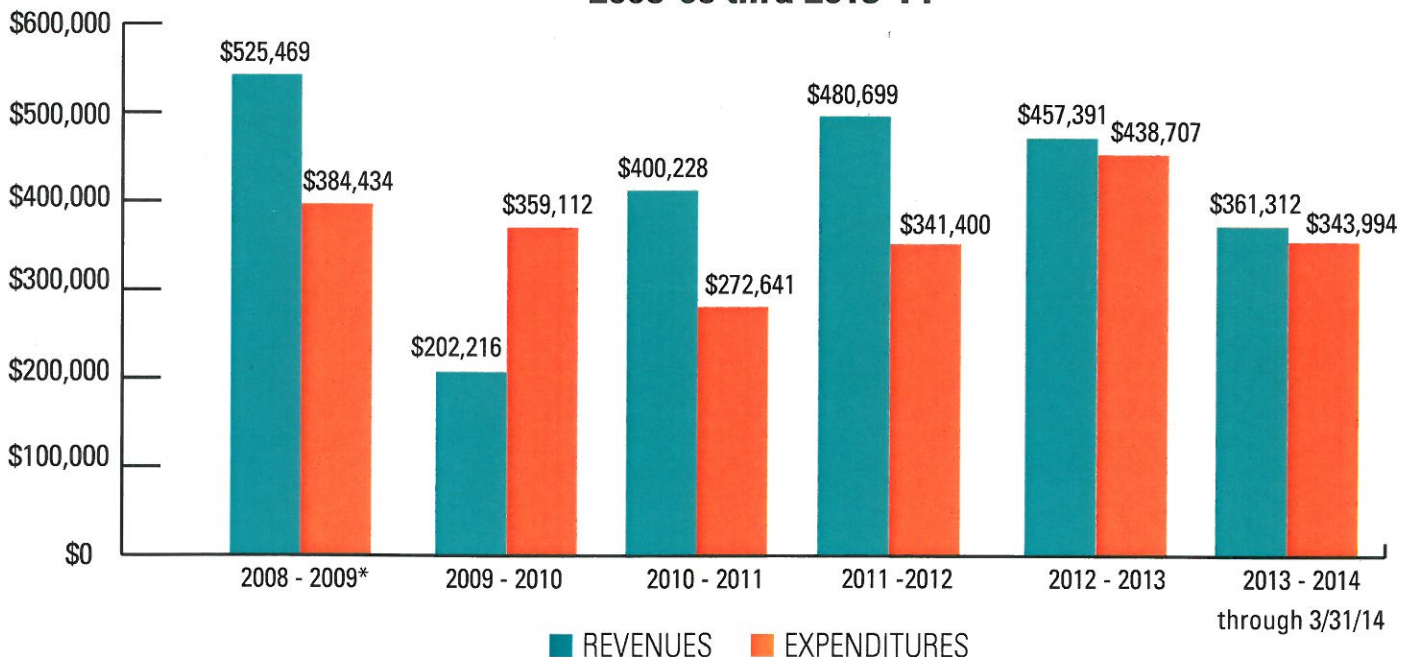
As a pool, any surplus funds are returned to the pool. This helps to modulate premium fluctuations, and allows for reinvestment in health care tools. Members also have access to wellness information through Total Health Campus, and wellness services and facilities at the Consiglio Wellness Center at 1501 N.W. Jefferson in Blue Springs.

For more information about CSDSIP, contact Paul Shrout, Director of Business Services at pshrout@csdgkc.org.

CSDGKC Maintains Fiscal Stability

The annual audit of CSDGKC documents the organization's sound financial practices. Copies of the audit for the 2012-2013 time period are available upon request. The chart below shows revenues and expenditures for five full years and year-to-date information for the current year.

**Actual Revenues vs. Expenditures
2008-09 thru 2013-14**



*2008-2009 Revenues are inflated by \$180,000 because CSDGKC uses cash basis accounting. A district paid two years of dues in 2008-2009, and several districts paid their 2009-2010 dues in 2008-2009.

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Legislative Platform cooperation adds strength

In addition to creating its annual Legislative Platform, Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City joined with Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, Missouri Association of School Administrators, and the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence to define a shared Platform for 2014.

Two of the dominant issues addressed in this shared Platform were on two very high profile topics.

On the subject of Student Transfers, the Platform states, "The consensus among Missouri education leaders is that transferring students out of unaccredited school districts is not in the best interest of all students and will not lead to improvement of unaccredited districts. We support a solution of support and early intervention."

On Common Core, the Platform states, in part, "We support the implementation of the Common Core. In recent years, school districts have put a great deal of time and energy into preparing for its implementation, because it is the right thing for the children of Missouri."



Serving leaders in the field

CSDGKC exists to provide strength in numbers and a shared voice to school districts, their students, families and communities. We serve, counsel and, when called upon, lead. We are proud to be associated with the fine member districts listed below.

FULL MEMBERS OF CSDGKC, INC.

Adrian
Archie
Belton
Blue Springs
Center
Excelsior Springs
Fort Osage
Grain Valley
Grandview
Harrisonville
Hickman Mills
Hogan Preparatory Academy
Independence
Kansas City
Kearney
Lathrop
Lee's Summit
Liberty
Lone Jack
North Kansas City
Oak Grove
Park Hill
Platte County
Pleasant Hill
Raymore-Peculiar
Raytown
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St. Joseph
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PDN-ONLY MEMBERS

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Banneker
Center Place Restoration
Chillicothe
Crossroads
Della Lamb
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Hope Leadership
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Lafayette County
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