



2015-2016 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.

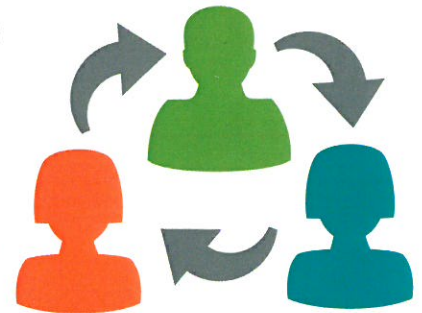
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The CSD Retirement Trust: Designed for the K-12 community

School districts and their employees are seeing a lot to like in the CSD Retirement Trust.

This past year, the four charter participants – Grain Valley, Harrisonville, Liberty and Smithville – were joined by Lee's Summit in this program that offers lower fees, more focused management of investments, and an end to the challenges of compliance and recordkeeping issues that can plague districts that manage their own 403(b) and 457(b) programs.

Working together with EducationPlus and its member districts on the eastern side of Missouri, the CSD Retirement Trust offers employees a wide variety of investment options, along with the peace of mind that experienced professionals are managing their 403(b) and 457(b) programs. The Retirement Trust is affiliated with but separate from EdPlus financially.



Five member districts now part of SiPGKC

The Self-Insurance Pool of Greater Kansas City – also known as SiPGKC – added a new district to the pool this year.

Hickman Mills joined existing members Blue Springs, Grain Valley, Lone Jack and Smithville in this program that helps districts gain the advantage of pooling employee counts, when negotiating health insurance costs. Being part of a larger employee pool will provide a significant negotiating advantage over going it alone.



Employees, spouses, dependents and retirees from member districts are all eligible, and the SiPGKC portfolio of benefits includes health and dental coverage.

If you would like more information about SiPGKC and its total package of benefits, contact Paul Shrout, Director of Business Services, at pshrout@csdgkc.org.

Audit confirms CSDGKC's solid financial position

CSDGKC received a clean audit report from Marr and Company, P.C., a Kansas City-based CPA firm. While clean audit results are nothing new, the firm completing this year's audit is. Marr & Company was selected by CSDGKC through an RFP process. Monthly financial statements are presented to the CSDGKC Board of Directors, along with brief explanations for any changes or variances.



PDN membership and attendance continue to grow

The trend continues to be positive for the Professional Development Network, or PDN, and for those who benefit from its programming.

Memberships grew to 50 this year, while the number of program participants topped 1,200. This growth is easy to explain, considering the quality of presenters. Specifically, participants learned this year from Cris Tovani, Sam Bennett, Greg Tang, Marcia Tate, Warren Phillips, Penny Kittle, Ellin Keene and Debbie Miller.

A sample of the participant feedback below shows the impact of the PDN:

"Warren Phillips gave me so much information to use in my science class. He rejuvenated me, and I can't wait to get back to the classroom!"

"I loved how Marcia Tate modeled the 20 instructional strategies during the entire workshop! She is a very talented instruction coach!"

"I truly enjoyed watching Cris Tovani working with students. She did an excellent job modeling her classroom practices with us. I took away so many things from this workshop!"

"Sam Bennett is amazing in letting us all know what is possible. Don't settle for old thinking. Base your instruction on RESEARCH! No more lectures!"



In addition, the PDN's Lab Classrooms initiative (through Project Success) continues to attract districts that want to be part of the effort to identify best practices in literacy. The five original member districts (North Kansas City, Kansas City, Independence, Blue Springs and Platte County) will be joined next school year by Park Hill, Lee's Summit, Grain Valley and Fort Osage, for year one of a two-year pilot. The PDN sends special thanks to Scholastic, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Achieve 3000 for their support of the Lab Classroom Projects this year.

School districts continue to help fuel local economies

The results from the fourth year of the Economic Impact Study read a lot like the third year...the second year...and the first year: School districts have a significant impact on their communities.

This year's survey included information from 26 Missouri school districts, located in 10 different counties. The bottom line? School districts pumped more than \$2.2 billion into their communities during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. This figure includes expenditures such as payroll, benefits, construction projects, capital spending on technology, transportation and food service.



Education Policy Fellowship Program nearly doubles its participant count

Nineteen educational leaders have put themselves back in a classroom (of sorts) to better understand the policymaking process through the Education Policy Fellowship Program, or EPPF. Dr. Robert Bartman and Dr. Gayden Carruth are Co-Project Directors.

In collaboration with CSDGKC and the Local Investment Commission (LINC), EPPF participants delve into different aspects of the policy process at monthly meetings. Completing homework – and a final project – is an integral part of the program, as is an April trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in a Policy Seminar. After graduation from the yearlong program, participants earn the status of Education Policy Fellow.

This year's members had the unique opportunity to put themselves in President Harry S. Truman's shoes, as he navigated the United States on a path that would ultimately desegregate the military. This program involved a series of simulations and was conducted at The Truman Library in Independence.



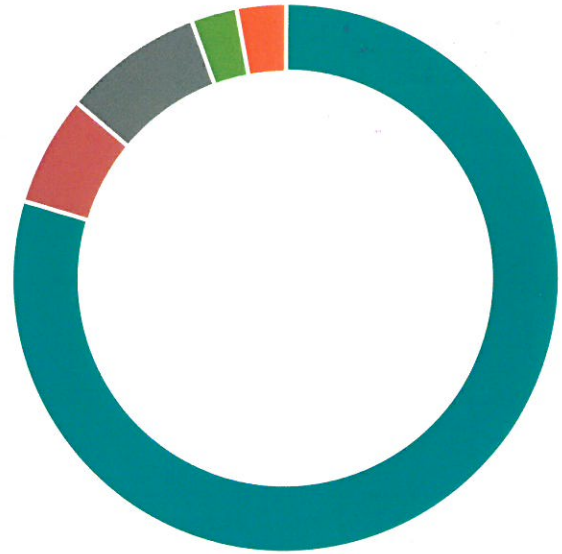
Former Missouri House member assumes broader legislative liaison responsibilities

Steve Carroll, who was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 1984 to 1994, is now the primary voice for CSDGKC and its member districts in Jefferson City. (Tom Rackers, who previously worked alongside Carroll on CSDGKC's behalf, has retired.)

The owner of Stephen R. Carroll & Associates, Steve has served in this capacity for other organizations since 1994, and he is well-respected by legislators in Jefferson City, with whom he meets regularly to monitor the status of K-12-related legislation. Carroll earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri, followed by post-graduate work at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. His law degree is from the University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1989.



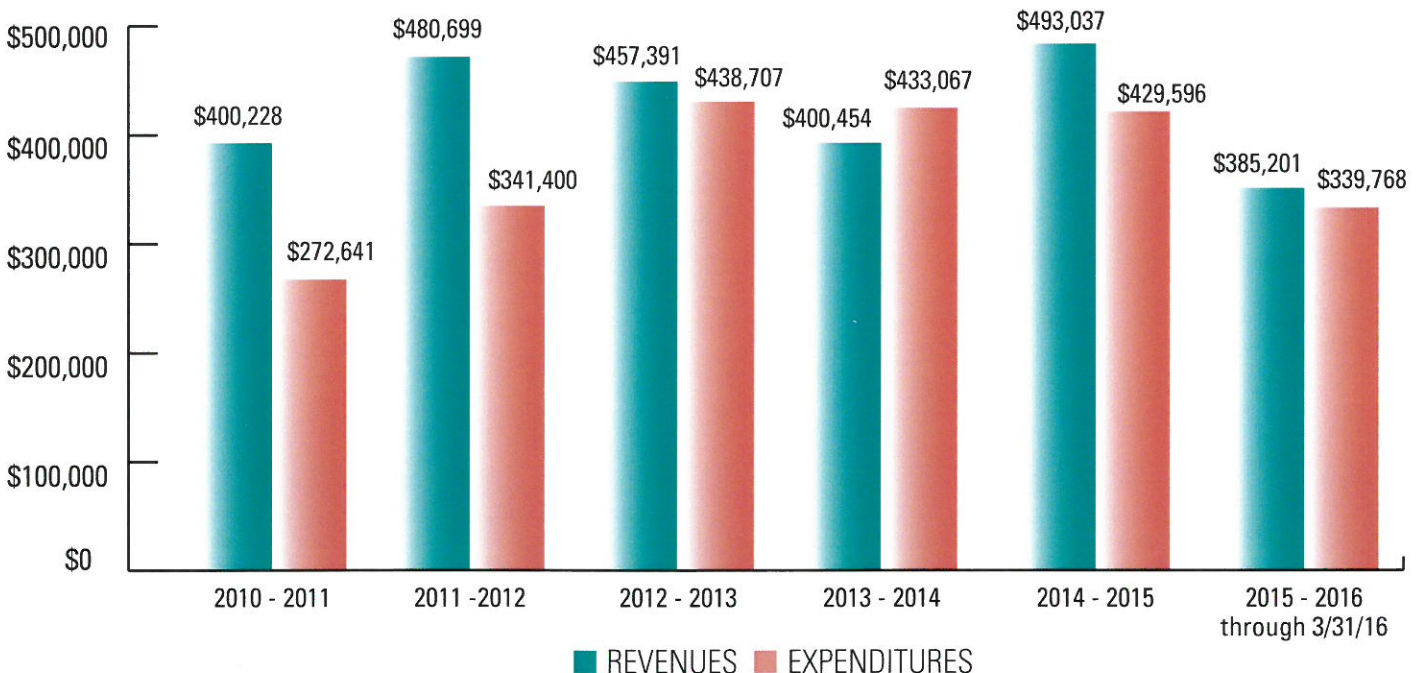
Revenues 2015-16 through 3/31/16



- Membership Dues
- Associate/Affiliate Membership Dues
- SIPGKC
- Purchasing Program
- Rebates/Administrative Service Fees

CSDGKC Maintains Fiscal Stability

Actual Revenues vs. Expenditures 2010-11 thru 2015-16



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Cooperation benefits everyone

CSDGKC is proud to serve these outstanding school districts who see the benefits of cooperation and the strength of a shared voice:

FULL MEMBERS OF CSDGKC, INC.

Adrian	Lathrop
Archie	Lee's Summit
Belton	Liberty
Blue Springs	Lone Jack
Center	North Kansas City
Excelsior Springs	Oak Grove
Fort Osage	Park Hill
Grain Valley	Platte County
Grandview	Pleasant Hill
Harrisonville	Raymore-Peculiar
Hickman Mills	Raytown
Independence	Richmond
Kansas City	Smithville
Kearney	West Platte

CSD RETIREMENT TRUST MEMBERS

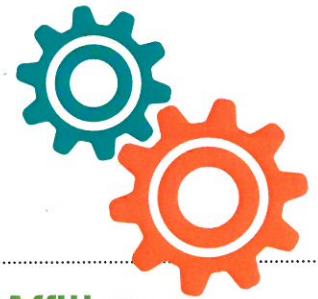
Grain Valley	Liberty
Harrisonville	Smithville
Lee's Summit	

PDN-ONLY MEMBERS

Académie Lafayette	Messiah Lutheran
Alta Vista	Metropolitan Community College
Benjamin Banneker	Nativity of Mary
Center Place Restoration	Norborne
Chillicothe	Pembroke Hill
Crossroads	St. Therese
Della Lamb	Scuola Vita Nuova
Genesis	University of Central Missouri
Gordon Parks	Wellington-Napoleon
Hogan Preparatory	WGU Missouri
Hope Leadership	
Marillac East	

SIPGKC MEMBERS

Blue Springs
Grain Valley
Hickman Mills
Lone Jack
Smithville



Positive changes in the Associate and Affiliate member rosters

The list of Associate Members grew to three this year, with Western Governors University – Missouri, joining Metropolitan Community College and the University of Central Missouri.

The Affiliate Member list now includes CSDGKC's first Platinum Members – EdCounsel and Guin Mundorf. The full list of Affiliate Members stands at 12.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Metropolitan Community College
University of Central Missouri
Western Governors University – Missouri

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Platinum Membership

EdCounsel
Guin Mundorf

Gold Membership

BlueCross BlueShield
of Kansas City

Silver Membership

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Bronze Membership

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