



## 2016-2017 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

## PDN adds second cohort group to the Lab Classroom Initiative

The Professional Development Network (PDN) of the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City continues to grow and evolve, with new programming generating a lot of enthusiasm.

For example, the first cohort group of the PDN Lab Classroom Initiative was such a success that a second group has been added – and a third will be added next year. The school districts participating in the first two cohorts are Blue Springs, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Independence, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, North Kansas City, Park Hill and Platte County.

Meeting five times a year, the goal of the Lab Classroom Initiative is demonstrating “best practices” in action, when it comes to getting students engaged in the curriculum. The programs are led by Ellin Keene and Debbie Miller, and CSDGKC wishes to extend a special thanks to Scholastic for their support of the Lab Classroom project.

**“There were so many things that I gathered from this conference. One big one was the language to use with the children when you are conferring. He gave us great tips on how to have it truly student-led, rather than teacher-led, with our conversation.”**

– Participant in a PDN program featuring Matt Glover

**Greg Tang's insight into number sense and strategies for helping kids truly understand how and why math works is amazing.”**

– Participant in a PDN program featuring Greg Tang

This initiative was such a success that a workshop series in Math – featuring Greg Tang – began this year. Fifty participants took part in seven days of intensive math workshops. Teachers from Center, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Grandview, Harrisonville, Hickman Mills, Independence, Lee's Summit, Raymore-Peculiar, St. Therese and Wellington-Napoleon participated.

Aside from these programs, PDN members benefited from presentations by Cris Tovani, Sam Bennett, Gladis Kersaint, Jim Burke, and Matt Glover. All told, 1,500 individuals attended a PDN program this year. The enthusiasm for these programs was significant.

**“This was a great workshop. I loved how the presenters modeled the PD using the student engagement practices they focused the workshop around. I especially appreciated seeing Cris model the strategies with students.”**

– Participant in a PDN program featuring Cris Tovani and Sam Bennett





# Twenty leaders take part in year three of the Education Policy Fellowship Program

Seeking to gain a deeper insight into the process of policymaking, 20 individuals (most from public school districts, but not all) took part in the Education Policy Fellowship Program, or EPPF for short.

The program is a collaborative effort of CSDGKC and the Local Investment Commission (LINC). Dr. Robert Bartman, of LINC, and Dr. Gayden Carruth are Co-Project Directors, responsible for coordinating each program throughout the course of the training year.

The program is much more than a regularly scheduled roundtable discussion. In fact, the monthly meetings each provide insight into a specific aspect of policymaking. Homework and a final project are the responsibility of participants, and the group takes an annual trip to Washington, D.C. in April to participate in a Policy Seminar. Those who successfully complete all the requirements for graduation achieve the distinction of Education Policy Fellow.



## Five school districts continue enjoying the benefits of SiPGKC membership

Hickman Mills, Blue Springs, Grain Valley, Lone Jack and Smithville have taken advantage of pooling their employee counts to provide them an edge in negotiating health insurance costs through their membership in the Self-Insurance Pool of Greater Kansas City (or SiPGKC, for short).

Beyond just current employees, spouses, dependents and retirees from member districts are all eligible to participate for both health and dental coverage. Wayne Krueger, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services, of the Smithville School District is the chair of the group.

For more information about how SiPGKC membership can benefit your school district, contact Paul Shrout, Director of Business Services, at [pshrout@csdgtk.org](mailto:pshrout@csdgtk.org).



## Kansas City Public Schools joins the CSD Retirement Trust

Grain Valley, Harrisonville, Lee's Summit, Liberty and Smithville School Districts welcomed a new member to the CSD Retirement Trust this year – Kansas City Public Schools. It's no wonder that the membership is growing, as the fees for participation continue to drop.

The Retirement Trust's goal is to offer an investment alternative to the open market that is designed to serve those in the K-12 community. For the school districts that belong, the Retirement Trust means no more compliance or recordkeeping issues that are part of life when a district manages its own 403(b) and 457(b)-programs.

The fee reduction for individual participants is significant. For example, when the Retirement Trust launched in January 2010, a participant with a \$10,000 account balance paid a fee of \$157 annually. Now, thanks to the growing level of participation, a participant with a \$10,000 investment pays only \$65 a year – a 59% decrease.

The Retirement Trust is affiliated with EdPlus and its member districts on the eastern side of Missouri, but is separate from EdPlus, financially.



## Local economies continue reaping significant benefits from school districts

The fifth year of the Economic Impact Study demonstrated the significant financial impact that school districts have on their communities.

The 30 Missouri school districts in 12 counties who participated in this year's study documented more than \$2.2 billion that found its way into the local economy for fiscal year 2015-2016. The total includes payroll, benefits, construction projects, capital spending on technology, transportation and food service.

## CSDGKC receives another clean financial audit

Once again, this year's audit from Marr and Company, P.C., Kansas City, affirmed that CSDGKC remains on solid footing and follows sound financial practices. This is just the second time that Marr and Company has conducted the annual audit, but receiving a clean audit has long been a yearly occurrence for CSDGKC. Financial responsibility has always been a high priority, and CSDGKC Board of Directors members receive monthly financial statements that contain brief explanations of any changes or variances.

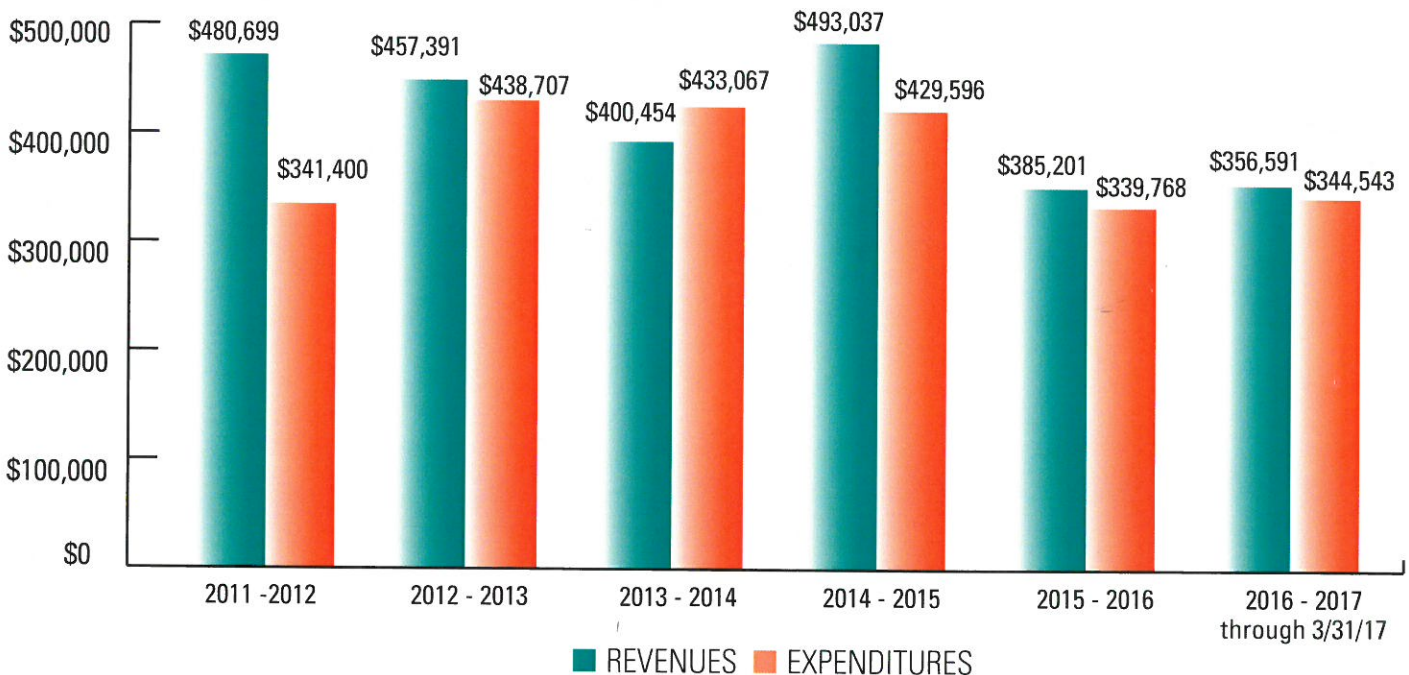
## Revenues 2016-17 through 3/31/17



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

## CSDGKC Maintains Fiscal Stability

### Actual Revenues vs. Expenditures 2011-12 thru 2016-17



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## Knob Noster and Sherwood Cass welcomed as full members of CSDGKC, Inc.

The roster of full members now stands at 30, with an additional 16 organizations that are "PDN-only" members. The complete roster of these great organizations is as follows:

### FULL MEMBERS OF CSDGKC, INC.

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

### PDN-ONLY MEMBERS

Alta Vista  
Center Place Restoration  
Chillicothe  
Crossroads Academy  
Genesis  
Hogan Preparatory Academy  
Lexington  
Marillac East  
Metropolitan Community College  
Nativity of Mary  
Pembroke Hill  
St. Therese  
Summit Achievement Center  
University of Central Missouri  
Wellington-Napoleon  
WGU Missouri

### SIPGKC MEMBERS

Blue Springs  
Grain Valley  
Hickman Mills  
Lone Jack  
Smithville

### CSD Retirement Trust Members

Grain Valley  
Harrisonville  
Kansas City  
Lee's Summit  
Liberty  
Smithville

## Associate and Affiliate membership roster grows to 16

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

The number of organizations that support CSDGKC through Associate or Affiliate membership has expanded.

### AFFILIATE MEMBERS

#### Platinum

EdCounsel  
Guin Mundorf

The three Associate members (Metropolitan Community College, the University of Central Missouri and Western Governors University – Missouri) remained in place. However, two new names were added to the Affiliate member roster.

#### Gold

BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas City

Triumph Learning/Coach has joined as a Silver member and McCownGordon Construction is now part of the Basic member group. CSDGKC thanks all our Associate and Affiliate members for their ongoing support of our mission and of public education.

#### Silver

k12itc  
Triumph Learning/Coach

#### Bronze

Hollis + Miller Architects

#### Basic

ACI Boland Architects  
Alexander Open Systems  
CBIZ  
McCownGordon Construction  
Patron Insight  
Security Benefit  
VALIC

