

Ways You Can Make a Difference

SPEAK UP! Talk with your colleagues, family members, church congregation and acquaintances. Tell them what you know about school funding and ask them to get involved in the issues.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT to meet with your legislator. Or, call or write and let him/her know how you feel about the proposed school finance plan.

CHECK the KCKPS Legislative Information page, www.kckps.org/legislative, often for resources and up-to-date information.

USE SOCIAL MEDIA (Twitter, Facebook, blogs) to communicate messages about school funding.



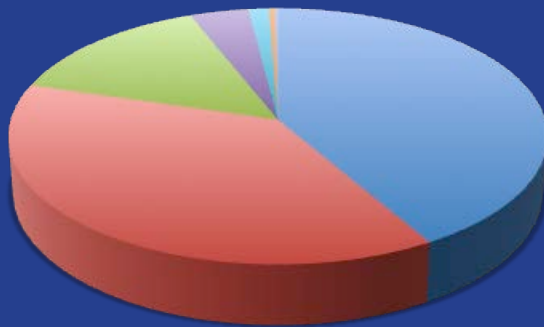
Kansas City, KANSAS 2012 Public Schools Legislative Update



KANSAS CITY, KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2012 Legislative Goals

1. Fulfill the constitutional requirement for the state of Kansas to provide funding for the suitable education of all Kansas children. This includes rejecting any attempt to place more of the burden for funding education on local taxpayers, which would widen the education gap between wealthy communities and the rest of Kansas.
2. At-risk funding should continue to be based on poverty.
3. Any increase in the Local Option budget should be equalized at 100% without proration.
4. The legislature should reinstate payments for the state portion of Capital Outlay expenditures (equalization).
5. Ensure that any response to the current fiscal crisis does not negatively affect the solvency of the KPERs system.

District Demographics



More than 84% of the student population qualifies for free lunch.

Assessed Valuation Comparison Among Local School Districts



One mill in Shawnee Mission raises \$2,937,765
(4.2 times KCK)

One mill in Blue Valley raises \$2,221,633
(3.2 times KCK)

One mill in Olathe raises \$1,686,030
(2.4 times KCK)

One mill in KCK raises \$695,992

Will the New Proposed Funding Formula Meet Our Children's Needs? Does it . .

	Yes	No
Primarily provide funding at the state level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provide funding based on the actual cost it takes to educate children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treat all school districts equally?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support quality school facilities in all communities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Limit local taxes on property and businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benefit all students across the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>