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This school year marks my 36th year as an educator, 30 of which I have served here in the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS). During my time in KCKPS, I have worked alongside a committed board of education, outstanding teachers, dedicated administrators, and passionate support staff. I am inspired by the work we are doing in the district. I am proud of our commitment to engage in bold initiatives to help our students succeed. It has been an honor to be part of a learning community that has fully embraced these values and believes in continuous improvement and growth for students and staff.

Our school board and community, our parents, district employees, business leaders, and most of all our students, are responsible for the significant achievements and strides made over the last decade. Let me remind us of a few of the accomplishments made by the district with support of our parents and community partners.

- Kansas City, Kansas was named One of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by the America’s Promise Alliance.
- KCKPS was recognized as one of the nation’s most innovative school districts by the National Association of School Boards, and heralded by the Kansas State Department of Education as a leader in school transformation.
- Over the last 10 years, the district rebuilt and renovated 15 school facilities. Over the next five years, with the 2016 voter-approved $235 million zero-tax increase bond, the district will replace several more school facilities, and make significant improvements to all of our schools. All without a tax increase.
- KCKPS is the first in the state and our region to design and implement a system-wide program focused on graduating each student with a high school diploma, plus critical credentials. This program means each student has access to a rigorous curriculum that aligns to course work and experiences with each student’s future goals. Diploma+ is giving each student a step up on their future.

This is why I know the future of KCKPS is filled with promise and possibilities. We know there is much more to do to ensure our schools are focused on what our students need to be successful. We also know that working together, we can and will succeed.

It is with overwhelming gratitude to the board, my colleagues, my students, and this community that I end tenure with the district, effective June 30, 2018. Whatever may occur on the road ahead, I will continue to be a strong advocate and supporter of KCKPS. Together, we have moved the school district from a good urban district, to a district held up as one of the most innovative and student-focused districts in our state. We have done this work together. It certainly hasn’t been easy, but it has been right. Diploma+ will carry our students forward with vital skills and credentials they need to step into the next phase of their lives.

Remember, it is and will always be up to us.

Check out Dr. Cynthia Lane’s blog, “It’s Up to Us” at blog.kckps.org
KCKCC and KCKPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during a special joint meeting in December, paving the way for a Concurrent/Dual Enrollment Partnership. The MOU outlines the guidelines and requirements for the program, which is available to all high school students in the school district who wish to take college-level courses. These courses, unless specified, are at no cost to students of the school district.

“In Kansas, by 2020, 72 percent of all careers will require more than a high school diploma,” said Dr. Cynthia Lane, superintendent of Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. “That’s why Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools has transformed learning from what many of us know as ‘traditional’ schools to Diploma+ learning. That is why in order for us to continue the successful work of this initiative, we need partnerships like the one we have with Kansas City Kansas Community College. This new agreement will give our students the proper tools they need to continue to thrive academically and become successful adults in the workplace,” said Dr. Lane.

Concurrent Enrollment Courses are those taught at the high schools during the normal school day by approved instructors. These courses will be for college credit. Dual Enrollment Courses are classes offered at the high school or college campus and may be taught by a qualified high school teacher or college professor.

“Kansas City Kansas Community College is excited about the partnership agreement with KCKPS that creates tremendous opportunities for its students to earn college credit and technical certificates while still in high school,” said KCKCC President Dr. Jacqueline Vietti. “KCKPS’s Diploma+ goal is a shared one for the College, because when its students succeed, so does KCKCC. We are honored to be part of this milestone and look forward to future partnership initiatives that ultimately benefit the communities we collectively serve,” said Vietti.

Diploma+ begins in preschool building a strong foundation in academic and social emotional skills. Continuing through elementary and middle school, the program relies on project-based, hands-on learning as well as career exploration and visits to various industries and college campuses. In high school, students choose from a variety of different Diploma+ Academies that focus on specific career interests, providing students with a number of real-world experiences. The goal is for every student in KCKPS to graduate with a high school diploma and at least one of the following Diploma+ endorsements:

- Completion of at least one full year of college (18-30 hours)
- Completion of an Industry-Recognized Certificate or Credential
- At least a 21 on the ACT or 1060 on the SAT
- Completion of the IB Diploma Programme or Career-Related Programme
- Acceptance into the Military
- Completion of a Qualified Internship or Industry-Approved Project
- An Approved Plan for Post-Secondary Transition

KCKPS students can complete one or more of the endorsements at no cost to them or their families. Learn more about Diploma+ at kckps.org/diplomaplus.
Enroll your first-time* students to the school district at the KCKPS Welcome Center.

Location and Hours of Operation
KCKPS Central Office and Training Center
2010 N. 59th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Features
- One-stop setting for families
- Lunch applications and special dietary forms
- School bus and transportation information
- Centralized immunization form drop-off
- Diploma+ information
- Interpreting services
- General school district information

OPENING APRIL 9
913.627.2655
welcome.center@kckps.org

*The Welcome Center will NOT replace online re-enrollment for students returning to the school district.
All students entering Kindergarten should participate in Kindergarten Roundup.
All students invited to attend Sumner Academy must enroll at Sumner Academy.
Preschool enrollment is year-round and taken by appointment at (913) 627-5257 or at kck.preschool@kckps.org.
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IS UNDERWAY

Four groundbreaking events were held in March to celebrate the kick-off to the construction at several schools. The events included remarks and the ceremonial turning of the dirt by KCKPS’s officials, representatives of the school district’s Community Vision Team and elected officials.

Gloria Willis Middle School
The future new middle school is named in honor of Gloria Willis, a long-time school district educator, administrator and Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education member who passed away in 2016. The new middle school, to be housed on the land of the existing campus of the current Coronado Middle School, will be built to accommodate the population of students from both Coronado and West middle schools. The structure will be approximately 127,000 square feet and will house about 750 students. Among the standout features of the new two-story facility are 30 classrooms, including a science room and prep area; flex and open collaboration space in each wing and a media center, just to name a few. Construction work is underway with completion tentatively scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year. Coronado will be razed after the new middle school is built. The project architect is Hollis + Miller Architects.

Stony Point North Elementary and Claude Huyck Elementary will both receive new classrooms and security upgrades. These improvements will include an upgraded entrance adjacent to the office area of each building. Construction started at both buildings in January and is scheduled for completion in July, 2018. The project architect of both buildings is HTK Architects.
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IS UNDERWAY AT SEVERAL SCHOOLS

Another significant project underway is the plumbing work at Wyandotte High School. The district’s construction partner for all of these projects is JE Dunn Construction.

These projects are made possible because of the voter-approved $235 million zero-tax increase bond initiative. The community’s voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the bond initiative in 2016 – paving the way for more than 80 much-needed projects for the school district. Thank you again Kansas City, Kansas voters for this tremendous vote of confidence in our school district and investing in the future of our students. These improvements throughout our district will benefit our students and contribute to them being one step closer to graduating Diploma+.

Welborn Elementary School
The new Welborn Elementary School is designed to provide a quality learning and working environment for all those attending the school. The two existing Welborn Elementary School buildings, located at 5200 Leavenworth Road, will be razed after the completion of the new building. Until the new school is built, students will continue to attend classes at the current location. The new facility will be approximately 68,000 square feet and will house about 550 students. Among the standout features of the new two-story facility are 26 classrooms, as well as an art room, music room, multipurpose room, gymnasium, media center and a flex/makerspace. These upgrades are tentatively scheduled for completion for the 2019-2020 school year. The designer of the new school is HTK Architects.

More on the bond projects is available at bond.kckps.org

Some of the new pipes installed recently at Wyandotte High School.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR REASONS TO BELIEVE ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

Nominations are open for the 2018 Reasons to Believe Alumni Honor Roll for Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. These are individuals whose accomplishments showcase their incredible skills and life stories, highlighting their perseverance, hard work and dedication. Their qualities exemplify to all of us why they are Reasons to Believe and inspirations to many.

Reasons to Believe was established in 2002 to generate pride and celebrate the progress being made throughout the school district. As part of the program, nominations are sought for the Reasons to Believe Alumni Honor Roll, which spotlights successful alumni to encourage and inspire today’s students. The nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes members of the Board of Education, Reasons to Believe Steering Committee, students, business leaders, and a former Alumni Honor Roll recipient. In November, those selected for this prestigious honor are celebrated with a special ceremony.

Nominees must:
• Be graduates of a KCKPS high school
• Be successful in their chosen business, profession or life work
• Be a person of integrity and stature that KCKPS would take pride in recognizing
• Have demonstrated the importance of their education from KCKPS

The nomination forms can be downloaded from the KCKPS website, www.kckps.org/recognition/alumni or call 913.279.2225 to request one. The deadline for returning nominations is June 25, 2018.

INPUT RECEIVED FROM STAKEHOLDERS ABOUT FUTURE OF KCKPS

The Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education held “Listening Tours” throughout the district for parents, students and the community to share what’s important to them and their families regarding the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS). Those unable to attend in person, could engage with the board by sharing their comments and/or questions on YouTube. You can view those meetings on the school district’s page: YouTube.com/KCKPSTV.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRM SELECTED

The board voted for Ray and Associates, Inc., an organization that specializes in school executive leadership searches, to help facilitate the superintendent search process for the school district.

The board chose Ray and Associates after hearing presentations from them and the following companies that were vying for the contract with the school district:
• HYA Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates
• Kansas Association of School Boards
• Springsted | Waters

As part of the superintendent search process, Ray and Associates asked parents, students, school district staff and the community to complete a “30 Qualities Survey” and a “District Review Survey.” The purpose of the surveys was to identify the top 10 characteristics needed in a superintendent for the district and to learn about the overall impressions of the district. The board provided feedback through the “30 Qualities Survey,” as well as during interviews conducted by staff with Ray and Associates.

In addition to the surveys, the consultants conducted community input sessions with several stakeholder groups.

Continue to watch the website and social media for more information about the progress of the superintendent search process.
A free resource is available for students and community members to help maintain our safe school environments.

The P3 Tips app is FREE and can be used to report online safety-related information, such as the whereabouts of missing persons, bullying, and suspicious activities, etc. The tips are anonymous and can be accompanied by uploading videos and photos. There is also the ability to review and update submitted tips. All anonymous tips are sent directly to the TIPS hotline.

The P3 Tips app is easy to use. Students can report tips at their school by selecting one of the following (If your school is not listed, you can use the USD 500 District option):

- Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers
- Harmon Hawks
- Schlagle Stallions
- Sumner Sabres
- Washington Wildcats
- Wyandotte Bulldogs
- USD 500 District

Download the P3 Tips app from the App Store or Google Play.

For more information about the P3 Tips app, visit kckps.org.

2018 KCKPS GRADUATION DATES

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<td>Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.</td>
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<td>Bridges/Wyandot Academy</td>
<td>Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>Bridges/Wyandot Academy , 3101 North 10th Street, Kansas City, KS</td>
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<td>500 Reach</td>
<td>Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>KCKPS Central Office, 2010 North 59th Street, Kansas City, KS</td>
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<td>Washington HS</td>
<td>Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, 600 North 7th Street , Kansas City, KS</td>
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<td>Wyandotte HS</td>
<td>Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m.</td>
<td>Wyandotte HS, 2501 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS</td>
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<td>Monday, May 21, 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m.</td>
<td>KCKCC Technical Education Center, 6565 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS</td>
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The Kansas City, Kansas School Foundation for Excellence presents the 28th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Sunflower Hills Golf Course, 122nd and Riverview Ave., Bonner Springs, Kansas.

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- Team Sponsorship - $700 for four players
- Hole Sponsorship - $350
- Individual Sponsorship - $175
- Cart Sponsorship - $100

There will be two flights available for play:

**Morning flight (limited to 24 teams)**
- Registration and continental breakfast at 6:30 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.
- Lunch and Awards program at 1 p.m. at the George Meyn Center

**Afternoon Flight (limited to 24 teams)**
- Registration and lunch at 12:30 p.m.
- Shotgun start at 1 p.m.
- Dinner and Awards program at 6 p.m. at the George Meyn Center

Since 1991, the Foundation has sponsored this annual fundraiser to benefit students. Proceeds from this year’s event will provide scholarships to high school seniors and support district literacy programs. Businesses and community members can enjoy a day on the golf course while supporting students in the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools.

For more information, please contact Susan Westfahl at 913.279.2235.

Beyond the Classroom is a K-12, student art exhibit that is featured annually at the Central Office and Training Center. This exhibit displays art from over 175 students and includes their paintings, drawings, sculptures, hand-made jewelry and more. After one month, the art is delivered to local businesses, where it is put on display for one year.
## 2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

### April
- 10: Board of Education Meeting
- 16: Special Board of Education Meeting
- 19: Kindergarten Roundup
- 20: Teacher Non-Duty Day/No School
- 24: Board of Education Meeting

### May
- 8: Board of Education Meeting
- 22: Board of Education Meeting (9 a.m. in the Central Office)
- 28: Holiday/Admin Offices Closed

### June
- 12: Board of Education Meeting
- 26: Board of Education Meeting

### July
- 17: Board of Education Meeting

All of the district’s calendars (Fine Arts, School Activities etc.) are accessible from the homepage of the website by clicking “calendars” at kckps.org.

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