

Council of Superintendents 11-14-18
KASB

Kansas vs Missouri - Destry Brown, Superintendent in Clinton, Missouri - compared his experiences in Kansas and Missouri in the areas of budget, finance, expected carry over, retirement, and educational programs.

Update from the commissioner - Randy Watson, KSDE - Shared the latest ACT results for Kansas – he shared the following:

- Composite score is slightly down, but so is the national average.
- Kansas increased its participation by 22% this year or 1136 students.
- 82% of Kansas students met SAT benchmarks for college readiness.
- Kansas has third highest standards in the country.
- Math we are spot on.
- Percent of kids scoring college ready in all areas the same as last year.
- Working on a different look for testing – In the past an ACT of 18 or above indicated a 50% chance of a student receiving an A or B in English Comp 1 in college.
- In the future KSDE plan will focus on realigning. (See PowerPoint slides)

Reviewing the November election results - Craig and Dale

- Craig and Dale shared the latest election results from the handout: 2018 unofficial Kansas General Election Results. (handout pages 1-10a)

Review of the new safe school standards- Susan McMahan, John Calvert, School Safety Specialist, KSDE

- Handout: Draft Copy - Safe and Secure School Standards and Guidance.
- John and Susan have prepared the preliminary standards to address outcomes of Senate Bill 109. There are nine preliminary standards that each school district must meet to be in compliance of the law. (handout pgs. 10b-25)

Update on school finance and new consensus revenue estimates- Dale Dennis, Craig Neuenswander, KSDE

- Medicaid revalidation process - The next time your district renews its application for Medicaid revalidation, a new requirement of your district will be to provide the social security numbers and date of birth for all managing employees, Board of Education members, and the Superintendent. The discussion at the council of superintendents was, “Do we really have to do this?” The answer is yes!
- Supreme Court decision - Gannon
- CPI and recommended base handout state of Kansas (pgs. 26-27)
- Average salary of teachers – Kansas teachers rank 40th in the nation on salary. With hopes of restored funding, do our teachers deserve better? Possibly get this to the median? (pgs.28a-28b)
- Excess cost of SPED at 78% last year, should be at 92%. Proration cost education \$44 million.

- State General Fund receipts handout: (pgs. 29-30)

Kansas Mental Health Pilot program update:

- School liaisons from Abilene, Herrington, Chapman, and KCK shared the need for more therapists and increased communication between agency and schools.
- The pilot program was approved by the Kansas Legislature to team up schools and community mental health centers to treat some the states most at risk children.
- The pilot program set aside \$10 million to treat and track two preselected groups of children and six districts across Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

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