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2020-2021 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

December 4, 2020



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EDUCATION IN THE TIME OF COVID

Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent





Education In the Time of COVID

- KCPS considerations and our thought process
- Learning models and serving students
- Supports for students and families
- Data-informed decisions
 - Number of positive cases within KCPS and the community
 - Staff absences
 - Athletics
 - Regional and state implications

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2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Jennifer Wolfsie, Government Relations Board Chair

Linda Quinley, Chief Financial and Operations Officer





Social -Emotional Needs of Underserved Communities

Support legislation that provides adequate funding for the social and emotional needs of underserved communities, particularly those most impacted by living in neighborhoods with increasing rates of COVID-19, violent crime and the digital divide.



Teacher Compensation

Support legislation and funding designed to provide for compensation for Missouri public school teachers that is competitive, livable and differentiated.



Support Equitable Treatment of Public Education in Charter Counties

Support legislation and the enforcement of statutes to provide full equitable treatment in public education accountability, flexibility and resource-distribution.



Hancock Amendment Protections for Property Owners and Public Schools

Support legislation that moves the Kansas City Public Schools system under the Hancock Amendment to assure protections for property owners and public schools from sudden and significant changes in assessed valuation.

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LOCAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Shannon Jaax, Director of Planning & Real Estate

Kathleen Pointer, Senior Policy Strategist



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Incentive Reform

BY THE NUMBERS - INCENTIVES IN KANSAS CITY



Kansas City Public Schools is ranked 17 among 5,600 school districts in the level of abated property tax revenue



Abated from Kansas City Public Schools & charter schools in 2019



Abated from all the City's school districts in 2019 by KCMO

www.kcpublicschools.org/taxincentives

Questions



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NEXT STEPS

Rita Cortes, Board Member (Sub District 1)





Thank you!