



The Communicator

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Purpose of “The Communicator”

The Communicator is a monthly e-newsletter produced by the Title Programs and Services Team at the Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose of the e-newsletter is to provide information regarding: the implementation of No Child Left Behind in Kansas, Local Consolidated Programs, Service Learning, AmeriCorps and upcoming deadlines and events. Schools and districts will be notified of the e-newsletter around the first of the month and it will be posted on the Title Programs and Services website.

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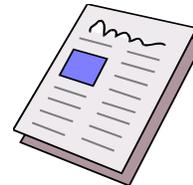
Special Title I ARRA Report

The Title I American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes in addition to the quarterly reporting, a special report. By December 1, 2009, every district must submit to KSDE a school-by-school listing of per-pupil instructional expenditures from state and local sources for 2008-2009. It excludes expenditures paid with federal funds. The report includes all schools in the district. The information will be used in the discussion on comparability during the next reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Tentatively, the USED will focus on salary data from 2008-2009. Each district will report the following for each school:

- the total salaries for all school level staff including teachers, paraprofessionals, principals and specialized staff who work in the school
- instructional staff salaries
- teacher salaries
- student enrollment

The USED is working on guidance on the school-by-school reporting. There are numerous questions that need to be answered: are preschool teachers to be included, can special education staff be excluded; what is included in private funds; and how does one count shared teachers? Specific information will be sent as it becomes available.



Clarification on Use of Title I ARRA Funds for Instructional Coaches—Targeted Assistance Schools

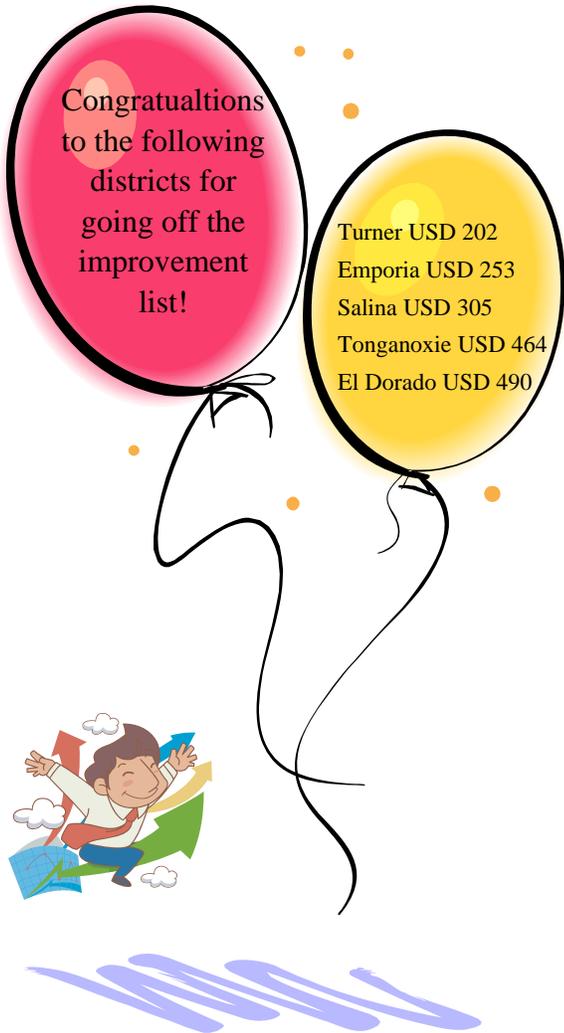
Many districts are using Title I ARRA funds to pay for instructional coaches in reading and mathematics. If a Title I school is a Targeted Assistance School, the instructional coaches funded with Title I ARRA may provide professional development to teachers of Title I students. Districts need to be able to document that every teacher served by a Title I-funded instructional coach has students participating in Title I.



Quarterly Reporting for ARRA Programs

Districts receiving any American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds—Title I Part A, Title I Part D (Delinquent), Title II D (Education Technology) or Homeless are required to submit quarterly reports. The information submitted will be posted on the federal Recovery website to ensure transparency. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is developing a web-based reporting tool to assist districts with reporting the data. KSDE will pre-populate the report with as much information as possible.

The ARRA quarterly reporting web-based application will be accessed through the KSDE authentication logon system. It is expected to go live next week. KSDE is waiting for final guidance from the USED regarding the quarterly reports. The first reports are tentatively due September 18; then KSDE will review the data. The KSDE will submit all the reports to the USED on October 1. There will be a conference call on September 9 and September 16, 2009 on reporting. More information will follow.



Integrated Improvement Authentication Application (IIP) Plan

The Integrated Improvement Authentication Application is having some problems at Kansas State Department of Education. We had hoped to have districts use this tool as part of the school improvement process but after trying this tool, we feel we need to pilot this application another year. Districts and schools are asked to go in and enter planning team members in this tool. However, the rest of the school improvement plans will be done on the template located on the school improvement website at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=405>. Districts and schools will be able to email their plans to KSDE before the peer review. Questions? Contact Pat Hill at phill@ksde.org or 785-296-3137.

Save the Date

High School Afterschool Program Speaker

Organizations and schools interested in starting a high school afterschool program are invited to attend a special session at the Out-Of-School Program Idea Conference coming up on Tuesday, October 13th in Wichita.

Brad Lupien, Founder & President of [Champions Adventure](#), After School and Sports Program, will be at the conference for a special break-out session to talk to groups about ideas on how to structure and program a high school afterschool program. His organization runs programs across the country and has developed some interesting ways to get high school youth involved.

Please watch for the conference flyer to come out soon and mark this date on your calendar to attend.

What Do You Know About the Kansas Learning Network?

What is the Kansas Learning Network?

In August 2008, Cross & Joftus, LLC began working with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to implement an approach called the Kansas Learning Network. Last year five districts (Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Garden City, and Turner) formed cohort one. Each district participated in network meetings, a comprehensive appraisal of district practices, and then received technical assistance, based on the appraisal. Team members from each of the districts were able to participate in each other's appraisal. There were also opportunities to network and share resources and ideas with each other. KSDE is also part of the Kansas Learning Network and also went through an extensive appraisal.



How has the Kansas Learning Network Expanded?

This year there will be three cohorts. Cohort One will continue with their technical assistance. There will also be opportunities to network during the year and work on common projects that will benefit participating districts. Their first meeting is September 9, 2009 and they are focusing on a viable curriculum. Cohort Two and Cohort Three will be meeting in September and their district appraisal process will begin. KSDE will participate in each cohort. Participating districts in Cohort 2 are Ulysses, Mullinville, Liberal, Haysville, and Goodland and they will meet on September 21, 2009. Participating districts in Cohort 3 are Parsons, Coffeyville, Iola, Ottawa, Leavenworth, Peabody-Burns and Morris County and they will meet on September 22, 2009.

What else is new this year in the Kansas Learning Network?

This year every school on Title I improvement will also have an Implementation Coach. Last year during a federal monitoring visit it was suggested that Kansas provide more direct support to the schools on improvement. This will be coordinated through the Kansas Learning Network. Coaches were recruited in August and will be trained in September. They will begin visiting individual schools in late September or October and provide bi-weekly opportunities to collaborate, coach, and to be a "critical" friend in school improvement initiatives.

Non Public Schools

The following webpage for information regarding Title programs in non public schools is now available. The site will soon contain helpful information and links to sites that will be helpful in serving the non public schools. The web link is <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3761>.

Non Public-Reminder that consultation with non public schools should be on going. Please make sure to keep notes/meeting minutes regarding consultations with the non public schools.

Homeless

The following is a list of school districts receiving McKinney Vento ARRA Grants: *after the district name denotes if the district also has received a competitive grant

- USD 202 Turner *
- USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton
- USD 233 Olathe *
- USD 234 Fort Scott
- USD 250 Pittsburg
- USD 259 Wichita *
- USD 260 Derby
- USD 261 Haysville *
- USD 287 West Franklin
- USD 290 Ottawa *
- USD 305 Salina
- USD 308 Hutchinson
- USD 365 Garnett
- USD 368 Paola
- USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden *
- USD 443 Dodge City
- USD 457 Garden City *
- USD 470 Arkansas City
- USD 475 Geary County *
- USD 480 Liberal
- USD 497 Lawrence
- USD 500 Kansas City *
- USD 501 Topeka *
- USD 512 Shawnee Mission



A new 2009-2010 homeless fact sheet is available. It is posted on the KSDE Homeless web page www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=372

The NAEHCY 21st Annual Conference (Homeless conference) will be in Denver, Colorado at the Marriott Denver City Center November 14-17, 2009. Information regarding this conference is available at www.naehcy.org/conf/conf_2009.html.

Virtual School/Program Site Visits

A visit to all Kansas virtual education sites is required annually. Plans are currently underway for these visits. Dates for these visits are in the process of being finalized based on information being submitted by the virtual sites. Those final dates will be coming out soon. As a friendly reminder, information on what to have in preparation for these visits was sent out in August. Please contact Pat Scrivner, pscrivner@ksde.org or 785-296-8447 if you have any questions.

Kansas School Districts and Schools Continue to Show Improvement!

Kansas school districts and schools has many reasons to celebrate increased student achievement! Did you know:

- Seventeen Title I districts were identified for improvement in 2008-2009. In the 2009-2010 school year, there are only sixteen Title I districts identified on improvement! Remember the bar continues to rise, also.
- Five districts are off improvement! Congratulations to USD 202 Turner, USD 253 Emporia, USD 305 Salina, USD 464 Tonganoxie and USD 490 El Dorado!
- Thirty-three Title I schools were on improvement in 2008-2009. In the 2009-2010 school year, there are only thirty two Title I schools on improvement! Remember the bar continues to rise, also.
- Nine Title I schools are off improvement! Congratulations to USD 202 Turner Elementary, USD 233 Ridgeview Elementary, USD 259 Cloud Elementary, USD 259 Irving Elementary, USD 305 Lakewood Middle School, USD 457 Alta Brown Elementary School, USD 500 New Stanley Elementary, USD 500 ME Pearson Elementary, and USD 412 Nieman Elementary.



Parent Involvement

Fall is a great time to make sure that districts are in compliance with the Title I Parent Involvement requirements. Below is a list of items to consider for the beginning of the new school year.



- The district and each Title I school should have an up-to-date Parent Involvement Policy.
- Signed Parent-School Compacts are required for each school year.
- An annual parent meeting must be held to inform parents of the Title I program at each school.
- A "Parents Right to Know" notice must go out to Title I parents annually.
- For districts receiving more than \$500,000 in Title I funds, 1% of the allocation must be set-aside for parent involvement.

Any questions regarding Parent Involvement should be directed to Christine Macy via email at cmacy@ksde.org or 785-296-3287.

The Online Kansas Reading Academy

Have you ever been in the situation where you needed quality professional development in reading for teachers who work with K-3 students and didn't have the time or money to find a consultant? Well there is an answer, the Online Kansas Reading Academy.



The Online Reading Academy is web-based professional development tool in reading. Teachers, administrators, and staff developers are able to access literacy presentations on a variety of reading topics such as Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension, and Language. Simply download the PowerPoint slides and handouts, prepare the activities and you are ready to begin.

The Online Kansas Reading Academy is accessible through the Kansas Reading First website: www.kansasreadingfirst.org. If you have additional questions, please contact Miki Herman: mherman@ku.edu.



New Grant Opportunity!!!

KSDE is running a NEW COMPETITION for the Kansas Middle School After School Activity Advancement Grant (KMSA). The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2009-2010 school year or the summer of 2010 is now available on the KSDE website.

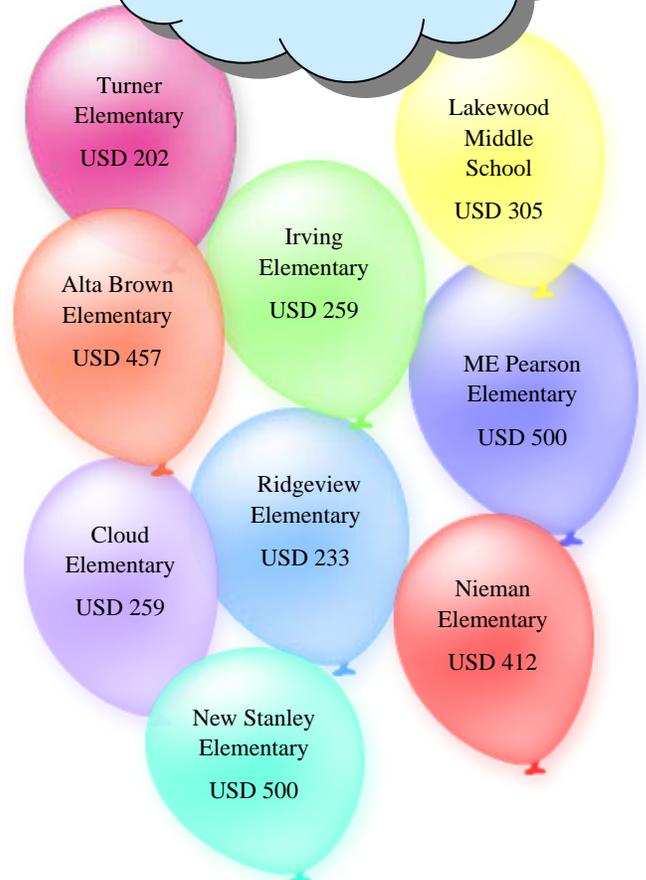
The purpose of this grant is to provide safe, supervised, enriching and skill building opportunities for middle school youth. The Kansas State Department of Education will fund new or expanded after school and/or summer programs that provide ALL of the following:

- Age-appropriate physical activity
- Career and higher learning opportunities
- Academic enhancement

KSDE will limit the **maximum amount of each grant to \$25,000** and will fund only those projects that meet the Absolute Priorities listed for this grant. (These can be found in the RFP on the KSDE website.)

The closing deadline for this competition is 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2009. Please click on the following link for the complete Request for Proposal. <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1952>. Contact Christine Macy at cmacy@ksde.org or 785-296-3287 with any questions.

Congratulations to the following schools for going off the improvement list!



Title IIA

As the school year starts, we are looking at the distribution of teachers across the state. It has become a concern of how teachers are distributed across the state, by looking at poverty levels, years of experience, the proportion of teachers that are Highly Qualified (HQ), and the proportion of teachers that are National Board Certified. In the upcoming months, we will be piloting a project with selected school districts as we take an in depth look at best equity practices, including recruitment and retention, induction, and cost effective practices. If you have any questions or interests in the area, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please remember the current 2009-10 LCP is based on 2007-08 HQT data.

Letters regarding Highly Qualified status for Improvement for the 08-09 school years will be mailed in September. Tier 1 is for districts 100% Highly Qualified, Tier 2 is for districts who are not Highly Qualified for two consecutive years, and Tier 3 is for districts who are not 100% Highly Qualified AND have not made AYP for three consecutive years. For more information, contact Carla Payette at cpayette@ksde.org or 785-296-1101.

Upcoming ELL Workshops

Registration now open for ...

Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners – Developing Professional Developers

Developing Professional Developers is McREL's term for Training-of-Trainers.

The primary objective of the Developing Professional Developers program is to prepare English as a Second Language staff developers/coaches to provide *Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners* professional development sessions to support mainstream teachers in providing high quality instruction for English language learners.

During the first two days you will see the [Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners](#) workshop modeled and on the third day you will work on your skills as a facilitator and practice delivering parts of the workshop.

Based on McREL's popular book, [Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners](#), this workshop applies the nine categories of research-based instructional strategies identified in [Classroom Instruction that Works](#) to five stages of language acquisition.

Two workshops will be held for the Developing Professional Developers. Please plan to attend only one.

September 23-25, 2009 at the Wheatlands Convention Center at 1404 E. Fulton in Garden City, KS. Registration is required; however, there is no fee for registration. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am, workshop will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A short list of hotels can be found on the registration website. Participants will receive a copy of the workbook "Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners" and the facilitators' guide that accompanies the workbook.

February 24-26, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Holidome at 605 SW Fairlawn Rd in Topeka KS 66606. Registration is required; however, there is no fee for registration. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am, workshop will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Participants should stay at the Holiday Inn Holidome and are responsible for their own accommodations. Participants will receive a copy of the workbook "Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners" and the facilitators' guide that accompanies the workbook.

Registration is now open at <http://conferences.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2819> and is limited to 60 participants at each site.

Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners

Practical guidance for improving ELL achievement in mainstream classrooms

Based on McREL's popular book, [Classroom Instruction That Works with English Language Learners](#), this workshop applies the nine categories of research-based instructional strategies identified in [Classroom Instruction that Works](#) to five stages of language acquisition.

Teachers learn how to adapt research-based teaching strategies, many of which they may already be using, to successfully engage and raise the achievement of English language learners in their mainstream classrooms.

In this two-day workshop, participants will:

- learn instructional strategies that enhance student achievement
- learn the stages of second language acquisition and their instructional implications
- learn strategies for engaging English language learners in K–12 mainstream classrooms

November 5-6, 2009 at the Midtown Community Resource Center at 1150 N. Broadway St in Wichita, KS.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Breakfast will begin at 8:00am, workshop will begin at 9:00am and end at 4:00pm. Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A list of nearby hotels will be made available on the registration website when it becomes available. Participants will receive a copy of the workbook "Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners". (registration will be open soon)

For questions about the workshops, please contact :

Melanie Manares, mmanares@ksde.org or 785-296-7929.



Charter School Advisory Council

The KSDE is seeking your assistance in the establishment of an advisory council for charter schools. Please assist us by submitting nominations for this council by September 21, 2009. Information on the make-up of the council, its purpose, and the nomination form may be accessed at: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=449>. The first meeting of this council is planned for October, 2009, more information to come. Please be sure to speak with the nominee and get their permission before submitting the nomination form. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

In order to reduce travel expense and time out of district these meetings will be held virtually with the assistance of ITV and the service centers. Exact dates are yet to be determined.

Kansas Academic Reading Conference

The Kansas State Department of Education in collaboration with the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence located at Emporia State University is sponsoring a Kansas Academic Reading Conference for grades 4,5, and 6. This is a two day professional development opportunity for Kansas classroom teachers of grades 4, 5, and 6. The focus will be on learning to meet the needs of pre-adolescent readers. Teachers will increase their understanding of the relationship between the reader, the activity, and the text when planning instruction in the content areas of reading.



Teachers will learn how to:

- Make instructional decisions based on assessment
- Teach content-area vocabulary
- Use comprehension strategies before, during and after reading, and
- Integrate technology with 21st century learners in the intermediate classroom.

Registration priority will be given to Grade 4, 5, and 6 classroom teachers from Kansas schools identified for Title I improvement.

Date: November 9-10

Location: Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City

Time: 8:30-3:30

Cost: Free to Kansas classroom teachers. Lodging, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Online registration only: www.emporia.edu/jones/kansasreading456



National Title I Conference

The 2010 National Title I Conference will be January 21-24, 2010 at the Gaylord national Resort & Convention Center near Washington, D.C. The theme is "Capitalize Student Achievement." With more than 100 dynamic, high-quality sessions to choose from, the conference will provide the ultimate opportunity in professional development. This is a great opportunity to learn from others and to network with colleagues. Attendees are encouraged to sign up early. Registration and full conference information is available at

www.NationalTitleIConference.com. Judi Miller with the Kansas State Department of Education is the conference chairperson. Let's have a great Kansas representation at the conference!

Summit to address state-wide high school graduation

The Kansas Dropout Prevention Summit will be held Oct. 20 in Wichita, Kan. This summit will enable communities to expand on existing partnerships and build new relationships to ensure that all children in Kansas will graduate from high school prepared for life, work and/or postsecondary education, instilled with a passion for lifelong learning.



The summit, called Kansas DropINs: Be Part of the Solution, is being organized by a collaborative organization committed to seeing all children in Kansas graduate from high school ready for the next phase of life. The group is comprised of over 25 public and private agencies from around the state and has been tasked, by America's Promise Alliance, with developing a state-wide action plan for dropout prevention.

As part of the state-wide summit, eight regional pre-summits will be held in communities across Kansas. In addition, Kansas DropINs also is seeking submissions from programs to be included in a Promising Practices Celebration.

Visit the DropINs website for more information about the state-wide summit, the regional pre-summits, and promising practices submissions.

2009 MIGRANT PARENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the **2009 Migrant Parent Leadership Conference**. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, 605 SW Fairlawn Rd., Topeka, KS on **October 2-3, 2009**. Goals of the conference include understanding advocacy for children, rights and responsibilities of parents, and parental involvement. School staff and parents should plan to attend. For information on the conference you may contact Natalie at the:

- Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC)
SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604
785-783-2975
FAX: 785-215-8742
- You may register online at www.kpirc.org

Title I Schoolwide Training 2009

October 22, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita (or)
November 12, Holiday Inn Holidome, Topeka.

The training will:

- Clarify what it means to be a Schoolwide;
- Explain what is involved in a year of planning;
- Introduce the planning template;
- Address questions.

It is recommended that the school planning team attend the training together. A suggested school planning team includes: a parent or community member, a Title I teacher or coordinator, a staff member, a principal, and a district representative.

Register at: <http://conferences.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid-2787>

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8:30—9:00am

Training from 9:00 am until 3:30pm

Lunch will be provided.

For questions regarding registration, contact Margaret Krogmann at mkrogmann@ksde.org or 785-296-5188.



National Day of Service and Remembrance



On April 21st, 2009, President Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which officially recognizes September 11th as a “National Day of Service and Remembrance”. This September 11th President Obama will join fellow Americans in all 50 states to honor the heroes of September 11th and their service to our nation. The legislation encourages Americans to honor those who lost their lives by participating in service activities for and with members of their communities.

What schools can do



The National September 11 Memorial & Museum has developed commemorative materials for the eighth anniversary of the attacks, highlighting the themes of service and volunteerism. The center piece of the materials is a short film, *The Spirit of Volunteerism: 9/11 and Beyond*, which tells the story of the outpouring of compassion and volunteerism in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, as well as the commitment to service that 9/11 continues to inspire. The accompanying discussion guides and activity suggestions are designed to encourage students to work together to commemorate 9/11 by participating in acts of service.

Recognizing that the anniversary of the attacks of September 11 falls early in the academic year, some may want to take the time to plan service projects that can be accomplished on September 11th; others may want to launch an extended project on the September 11th anniversary.

Challenge your students to find ways to stand up and make a positive difference in the world, and then share your lessons and your students work at education@sept11mm.org. Ideas and projects from teachers and students across the nation will be posted on the National September 11 Memorial & Museum website at www.national911memorial.org. The short films and accompanying discussion guides and activities can also be downloaded from the site.

DUE DATES

- 2009-2010 ARRA Application due September 4th
- 2010-2011 Intent to Become Schoolwide Form due September 7th
- ARRA Quarterly Reporting due September 18th
- Kansas Middle School After School Activity Advancement Grants due September 18th
- Charter School Advisory Council Nominations due September 21st
- Title I ARRA Report due December 1st

**Make Sure to Register Today for the Kansas Safe
Schools Conference:
Safe and Prepared Schools and Communities
September 28-29, 2009
Webster Conference Center
Salina**



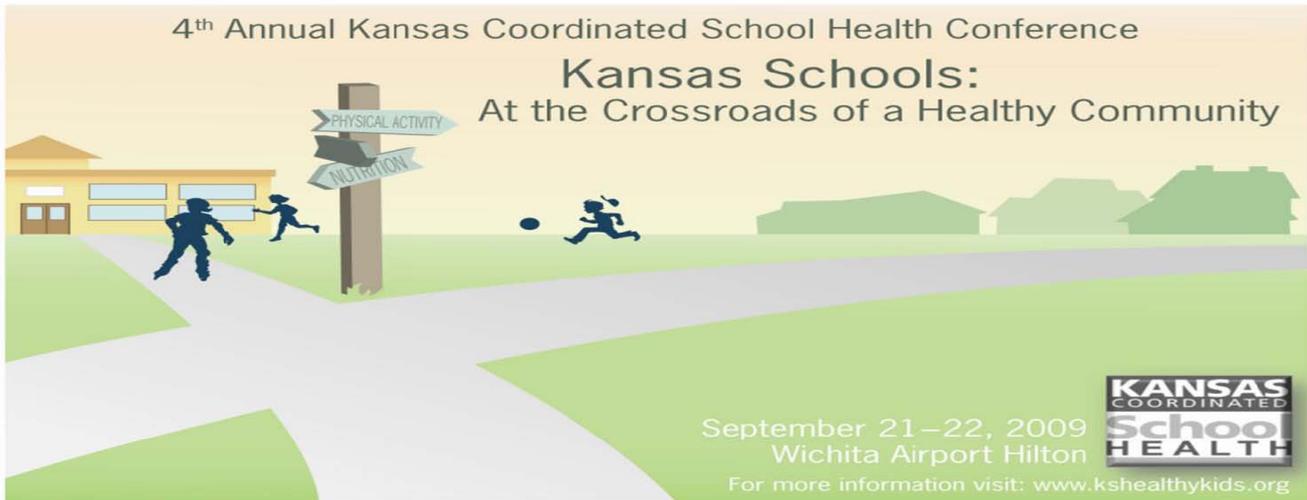
Exciting Keynote Speakers
Kevin Jennings– Assistant Secretary for the
U.S. Dept. of Education
High School Students Performing “The Outrage”
Lindsay McKay, Character Education Strategy Consultant

Engaging Breakout Sessions That Include:

- Phil Chalmers: Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer
- Dr. John Dudley: Preventing On-Site School Tragedies
- Dr. Matt Davidson: The Power to Teach and Learn the Character Ed. Initiative
- Dr. Mark Thompson: How Schools are Preparing for the H1N1Virus

And many more breakout sessions

**Register online at <http://conferences.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1976>
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Security**



When & Where

- **Keynote Speaker** – Beth Kirkpatrick
 - Innovator in incorporating technology in P.E.
- **WhistleStop Session**
 - Highlights efforts of Kansas schools to improve the health of students and staff
- **Panel Discussions**
 - Roles of schools and health care providers responding to childhood obesity
 - Engaging parents in improving school health
- **Breakout Topics**
 - Outdoor education
 - Involving students in healthy schools
 - Cost savings for schools
 - “Green” initiatives
- **Additional Offerings**
 - Exhibits, CEU’s, KCSH Grant and K-FIT information
- **Cost: \$50** – includes materials, breakfast and lunch
- **Information and Registration**
 - Visit: www.kshealthykids.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 8

QPA Advisory Council, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS

September 10-11

MTSS Symposium, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS

September 23-25

Title IV Federal Monitoring Visit

September 23-25

McREL Classroom Instruction That Works with English Language Learners: Developing Professional Developers, Wheatlands Convention Center, Garden City, KS

September 28-29

2009 Safe Schools Conference, "Safe, Prepared and Effective Schools: The Community Approach", Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS

September 29-30

Title I Reading Academy, Wichita, KS

October 6-9

PDK Curriculum Assessment and Design and Delivery Training, Holiday Inn Holidome, Topeka, KS

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October 22 or November 12

Title I Schoolwide Training, Wichita, KS

October 28-29

Title I Reading Academy, Lawrence, KS

November 4-5

McREL What Works in Mathematics: Math Strategies for School on Improvement, Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS

November 5-6

Classroom Instruction That Works with English Language Learners, Midtown Community Resource Center, Wichita, KS

November 9-10

Kansas Academic Reading Conference, Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS

November 18-19

McREL What Works in Mathematics: Math Strategies for School on Improvement, Ramada Inn, Topeka, KS



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