

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is Moving!



The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is moving! After nearly 50 years at our current location, KSDE will move to the Landon State Office building at 900 SW Jackson Street beginning in October. Even though it's only two blocks away, moving an entire agency is proving to be a monumental task. I had to chuckle when I received the "KSDE Pre-Move Manual" a few weeks ago. The multi-page document details clean-up days; when, what and how to pack boxes; the color-coded labeling scheme; inventory tracking; and, most importantly, how to label the cords to our computers. The manual comes with "how-to" pictures and an occasional inspirational message for those of us who could be featured on the A&E *Hoarders* show!

Seriously, our move to Landon is a very big event and one that has required over two years of negotiations, planning, remodeling and, soon, the actual move. The question we're asked the most often when people find out we're moving is, "Why?" The answer is very simple. The lease on our current building was up which meant we had to renegotiate or look for another location. For those of you who have been to KSDE, it's quite obvious that we've been short of space for many years. I've often referred to our space being so tight that we'd need to add "bunk cubicles" if we hired anyone else! Our move to Landon will find us in nearly double the square footage and spread out over four floors of the ten-story building. With a larger space, we'll have more elevators, remodeled bathrooms, a cafeteria and neighbors. Yes, neighbors! Landon, a state office building, houses other state agencies. We're looking forward to meeting our neighbors and working collaboratively with them over the years.

We'll do a phased move beginning the first weekend in October and ending the last weekend of the month. With the bulk of our move over the weekends, we anticipate very little down time, if any. Even with the best planning, however, we may experience some glitches and ask for your patience during the month of October.

Let's Move!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Diane DeBacker
Kansas Commissioner of Education