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|  | In support of Kansas’ vision for education, the Kansas State Department of Education is accepting applications for school districts to participate in the Gemini II: The Space Walk Begins Kansans Can School Redesign Project.  Districts selected for the Gemini II Project must designate one elementary school and one secondary school to be redesigned around the five outcomes established by the Kansas State Board of Education, the five elements identified as defining a successful Kansas high school graduate and what Kansans told us they wanted schools to look like in the future.  These districts will serve as demonstration sites for other Kansas districts. Vision: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. Five outcomes: • Social-emotional growth  • Kindergarten readiness  • Individual plan of study (IPS)  • High school graduation  • Postsecondary success Definition of a successful high school graduate: A successful Kansas high school graduate has the academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry-recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation. To be considered for the Kansans Can School Redesign Project,  districts must: • Be able and willing to completely redesign one elementary and one secondary school around the vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate.  • Each district and school must provide evidence and have approval by their school board with vote; faculty with a vote of 80 percent; and local Kansas-National Education Association or other professional organization support.  • Be able and willing to launch a new school design in the 2019-2020 school year.  • Be willing to serve as a demonstration school/district for others in Kansas to study, learn and visit.  **Submit the application electronically to** [**tcote@ksde.org**](mailto:tcote@ksde.org) **by April 2, 2018.**  This application package contains the necessary information and form to apply for Gemini II: The Space Walk Begins Kansas Can School Redesign project. If applicants have any questions or need additional information, please contact Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander with the Kansas State Department of Education via e-mail at [bneuenswander@ksde.org](mailto:bneuenswander@ksde.org) or by telephone at (785) 296-2303. |

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| District address: | |  | | |
| District contact name: | |  | | |
| Title: |  | | Email: |  |

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| Superintendent: |  | | |
| Local school board president: | |  | |
| Date approved by local school board: | | |  |

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| Names of the elementary and secondary schools designated for redesign: | | |
| Elementary: |  | |
| Secondary (*Middle or High School*): | |  |

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| Why does your district want to take part in the redesign efforts?  (Text box will expand to accommodate length of response.) |
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| What current efforts does your district have in place that align with the state board’s vision?  (Text box will expand to accommodate length of response.) |
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| Assurances checklist: | | | | |
| Local board approval. Date: |  | |  | |
| Faculty vote with 80 percent approval. Date: | |  | |  |
| Local KNEA or other professional organization support. Letter of support. | | | | |

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| Signature of superintendent: |  | Date: |  |
| Signature of board president: |  | Date: |  |

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