1. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

- **All Systems** should be in the process of hosting their **KESA onsite visits**. Suggested window for those visits are March 15 – April 15. We understand that schedules may have warranted visits after April the 15 date. We only ask that you try to have your visits no later than the first week of May. Reports from your KESA Chair is due no later than 30 days from the visit which would guaranteed all reports being in before the end of the fiscal year.

- **All Systems** should be finalizing their **KESA Initial Report**. This report is a KSDE requirement and important documentation for your onsite visiting team (OVT) chair and team members during the KESA onsite visit. Sections 4 through 15.3 and section 16 of your KESA Initial Report are required. Section 15.4 through 15.16 are optional. This section is for the system to provide additional information about the questions asked in the application or if you want to make notes about your visit.

2. **General Information**


- **Chair and OVT Training Survey Results**: First, let me thank everyone who responded to the surveys sent out. Your feedback is important in helping us improve the KESA OVT Trainings as well as the KESA Chair Trainings. We are in the process of analyzing the data; and once the analysis is completed, we will put together a report to share with the field. We expect to release the Summary Survey Report in May and place it on the KESA Website for access. We will give you a link in our next update.
3. **KESA Application**

- Reminders:
  1. If you are a chair for a System:
     1. **Register as a new user** even if you already have access to the KESA Application at your district level.
     2. After entering your contact information, the next questions asks, **“Please select the organization and building that you belong to.” This is not the district you work for, but the district you are chairing.** This has been confusing and caused delays in access.
     3. If you chair a system and currently work in a district, remember that you do **not** need to complete security training. Security training is only for those individuals who work outside of a school district i.e. university staff, service centers, retired educators.
- **KESA final report** (to be used only by systems in year five, their accreditation year)
- **KESA Initial Report** – Do not submit your KESA Initial Report until you have completed question 16. If you submit accidently, you can still go back and edit, but please let us know so that we can clear the submit button until it is really finalized.

4. **Systems Visits**

- All systems seeking state accreditation need to host a KESA visit this year.
- After your visit, please go back into your KESA Application to complete sections 15-2 through 16.3 and then submit your report to KSDE.
- During your visit It is important to:
  - Allow some time to for the visiting team and chair to meet
  - Talk about your goals, strategies/interventions/practices used to achieve your goals
  - The alignment of your system goals with that of your school building goals
  - Evidence of what and how your system is doing
  - Foundational structures and how they are being addressed

5. **Accreditation Review Council (ARC)**

- The Accreditation Review Council is the group charged with providing the recommendation about accreditation of a system to the Kansas State Board of Education.
- The Arc will meet again on May 2, 2018 to review documents for an accreditation recommendation of two public systems and 5 private systems.

6. **Accreditation Advisory Council (AAC)**

- June 4th will be the next AAC meeting.
- Information for nominations to the AAC will be release the end of April and first of May. Please be on the lookout for this.

7. **Chair and Outside Visiting Team Training**

- The first meeting to discuss how to improve and revamp the OVT Chair and Visiting Team Training is on April 23, 2018. An overview on the meeting is to come in our next update.

8. **Accreditation Email**

- A general email for accreditation questions is available. The email address is [accreditation@ksde.org](mailto:accreditation@ksde.org).
The theme for this year’s Impact Institutes is “Kansans CAN Teach.” Please join us at the Kansas State Department of Education Division of Learning Services 2018 Impact Institutes and begin the challenging work of each child’s success.

**Cost: $25 per person**

Costs include the professional learning, continental breakfast, lunch and snacks each day.

**Dates and Locations:**

- **June 4-5**
  Emporia State University, Emporia

- **July 17-18**
  Fort Hays State University, Hays


We hope to see you there!

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The KSDE Professional Standards Board is soliciting proposals for the second annual Educate Kansas Dialogue Summit. The focus of this broad-based conversation is recruitment and retention of educators in Kansas.

Kansas educators are invited to submit presentation proposals that highlight innovative practices Kansas districts have successfully employed in their efforts to recruit and retain quality Kansas educators. To submit a proposal, click on the following link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D92GYLW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D92GYLW)

**PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS:**

- Presentation proposals are due to KSDE by June 9, 2018.
- Notifications on proposal selection will be emailed by August 1 to the first presenter listed on the proposal.
- Response/Acceptance to this notification is REQUIRED to be included in the conference program.
- OPTIONAL: Employer Approval to Present. When you receive notification of proposal selection you will also need your employer (school/district supervisor) to email their approval of the presentation. Instructions will be provided in the acceptance email you receive.

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