

Kingdom East School Board Report

Kingdom East School District Community,

From pandemic exhaustion to superhero acts to immense opportunities, Kingdom East School District has had quite a year! And yet, through it all, we continue to focus on providing high-quality educational opportunities for our students, even amid the unprecedented challenges resulting from COVID. Through it all, teachers, support staff, administration, parents, and the community step up consistently to support our students and each other. The Kingdom East School District Board is thankful for the enormous efforts on everyone's part to navigate these challenging times.

Here are some highlights of the year:

- **Enrichment Opportunities**

- Approximately 500 students participated in a 5-week summer program for recovery that involved 30+ community partners, field trips, and presenters
- Experiential and outdoor learning in all schools
- More than 400 students participated in fall sports, including 11 soccer teams. 70 students ran cross-country, and 80 students participated in the PreK-4 running club
- Through the support of the Tarrant Foundation, embedded learning and personalized learning plans were put in place
- 34% of students attended afterschool programming
- Art, music, technology, world language, and advanced French offered across all schools

- **Improving Learning through Technology**

- 2,210 new devices deployed through ESSER funds
- 14 switch replacements & 99 new access points
- Wiring improvements
- Equitable access to technology across the district

- **Financially Prudent Decision Making**

- Data-driven decisions
- Redeployment of faculty and staff as COVID impacts personnel
- Combination of Gilman and Concord 6th - 8th graders
- Over 1.2 million in facilities grants that covered HVAC and other improvements

This report highlights our programs, schools, and the opportunities therein. There is a description of the work of Board committees and summary narratives of the budget. The KESD Annual Report also reviews the details of the Board's proposed FY23 budget of 37,984,787 -- a 6.79% increase from the FY22 budget. While the budget has increased the estimated tax rate for the district has decreased.

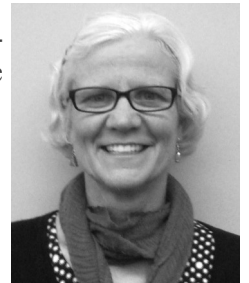
Every policy, decision, and strategy considers our students, employees, and community following the KESD mission statement that guides our efforts.

"In partnership with the community, staff, and students, the Kingdom East School District is committed to providing a collaborative and equitable environment of educational excellence through rigorous learning experiences that develop individual and diverse talents and abilities of all our students to prepare them for successful lives as contributing, responsible citizens."



Cynthia Stuart
School Board Chairperson

On behalf of our entire team of board members, we thank you for your commitment to the Kingdom East School District, and we look forward to serving the needs of our students and community now and into the future.



Jennifer Botzjorns
Superintendent of Schools