

# Kingdom East School Board Report

Kingdom East School District Community,

While transitioning from the COVID pandemic to normalized schooling, the Kingdom East School District continues to focus on providing rigorous educational and co-curricular opportunities, while embracing high-quality teaching and learning. As part of a caring community, teachers, support staff, administration, parents, and the community consistently support our students and each other. The Kingdom East School District Board is thankful for the enormous efforts on everyone's part to operate our schools.

## • **Enrichment Opportunities**

- Approximately 440 students participated in a 5-week summer program for recovery that involved 30+ community partners, field trips, and presenters; Experiential learning
- 386 students participated in fall sports, including 12 soccer teams. 68 students in cross country or in the PreK-4 running club
- Through the support of the Tarrant Foundation, embedded learning and personalized learning plans
- 42% of students attended afterschool programming
- Art, music, technology, and advanced French, online Chinese language program

## • **Improving Learning through Technology**

- 2,210 new devices deployed through ESSER funds
- Wiring improvements; 17 switch replacements & 99 new access points
- 82 Promethean 75" touchscreen panels installed in classrooms across the district
- Equitable access to technology across the district

## • **Financially Prudent Decision Making**

- Data-driven decisions; Redeployment of faculty and staff (COVID impacted personnel)
- \$30,000 cyber security grant, \$79,000 school nursing grant
- COVID relief funds used to improve social and emotional health.

This report highlights our programs, schools, and the opportunities therein including a description of Board committees and summary narratives of the budget. The KESD Annual Report also reviews the details of the Board's proposed FY24 budget of \$41,069,545 an 8.12% increase from the FY23 budget. The budget increased and the education tax rate for the district has decreased, by leveraging funds from the State of Vermont Education Fund.

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."*

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.



Cynthia Stuart  
School Board Chair



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Superintendent of Schools