

Where's the most important place your child will be this month?

This month, nearly a half million children will return to public school classrooms statewide. In [USD name], students will be welcomed by highly qualified professionals – teachers, administrators, school personnel and volunteers – who are committed to creating opportunities for our community's children. These individuals are passionate and dedicated professionals who believe that a quality education is essential to a highly skilled workforce.

The [insert district name] mission statement, “[insert statement],” provides clear direction for the success of our schools. We are committed to ensuring that your child receives a quality education that will help them reach their potential and become successful, productive adults. A significant guiding principle held by all in the school district is that, “Each student **will** learn.”

Like most individuals, our school district has been impacted by the economic downturn. Significant reductions to the K-12 education budget have forced us to make difficult decisions about programs and resources for the coming year. While we have attempted to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible, almost everything we do has at least an indirect effect on our children.

[Insert brief statement on what changes have occurred]

As students begin the 2009-2010 school year, the school board members and staff of [insert district name] remain committed to academic excellence. We invite parents and community members

to join us by volunteering in the schools and becoming involved in partnerships to support students.

Even more importantly, we hope that you will join us in advocating for an outstanding public education system that will empower each Kansas child to succeed in the diverse, interdependent world of the 21st century.