

2018-19 Budget Profile



Topeka Public Schools, USD 501



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2018-19 Budget General Information

USD #: 501

Introduction

Topeka Public Schools' mission is to Engage, Prepare and Inspire children and young adults. We strive to engage students in the highest quality learning, prepare students for responsible, productive citizenship and inspire excellence for a lifetime.

Since the mid-1860s, with only nine teachers and nearly 700 students, Topeka Public Schools has followed this mission. More than 150 years later, the district employs more than 1,300 teachers and specially licensed staff to educate over 13,500 students in 30 attendance centers. Known for its high-quality educators, Topeka Public Schools continues to be strongly represented in the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame.

The student demographics reflect the community's diversity with 37 percent white, 32 percent Hispanic, 18 percent African American, 1 percent Native American, 1 percent Asian and 11 percent Multiracial. The district serves many students that are at-risk or have special educational needs; approximately 77% of our students qualify for free or reduced meals per child nutrition guidelines and almost 20% of the children are served by Special Education programs.

Topeka Public Schools is an educational leader in Northeast Kansas. The district was the first in Shawnee County to: offer pre-kindergarten education and full-day kindergarten, open magnet and charter schools, offer Junior ROTC, and to recruit teachers internationally. Topeka Public Schools continues to offer the most generous benefits package and the highest starting base teacher salary among all Shawnee County school districts.

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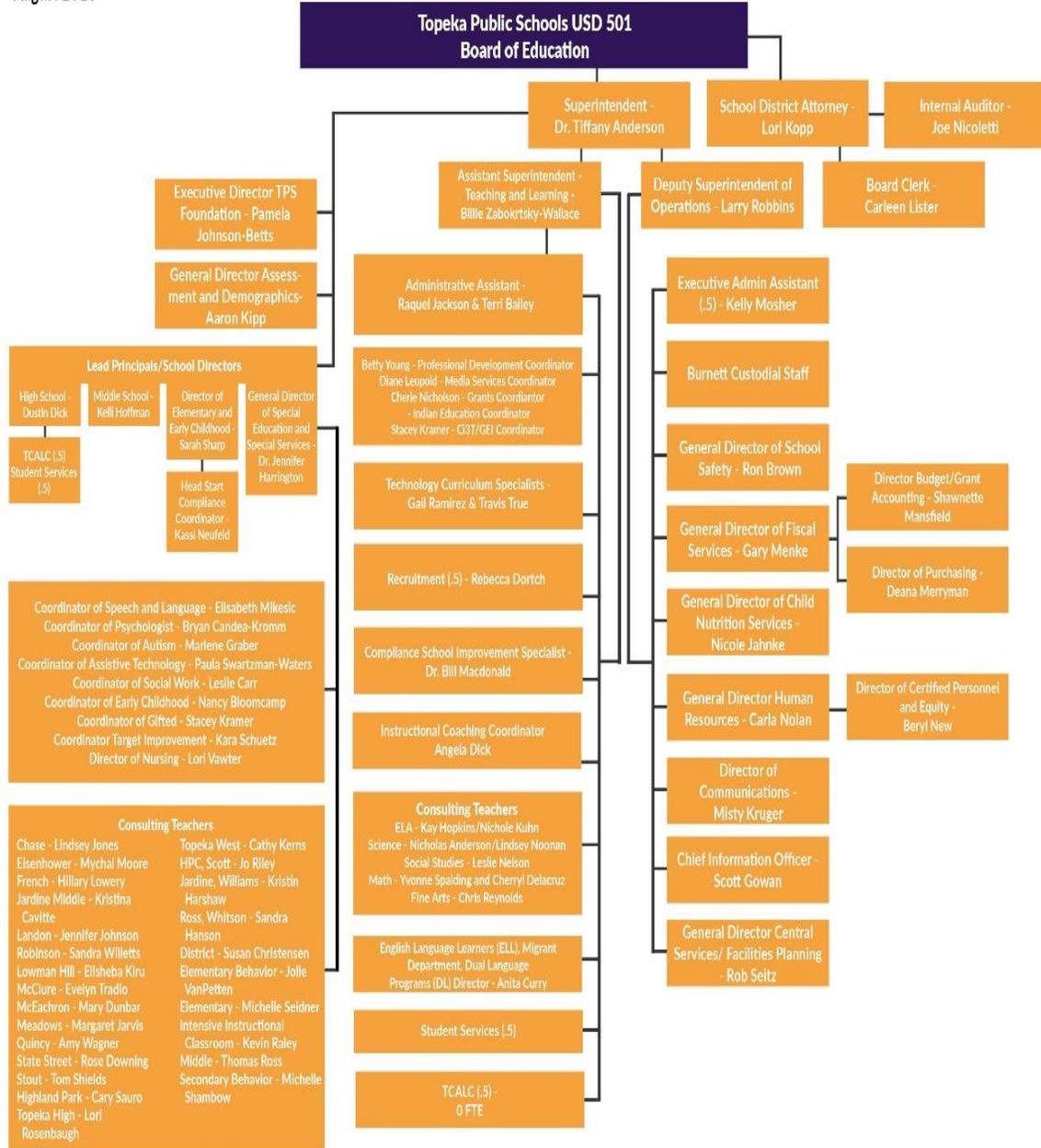
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Lead Principal, Director Elementary & Early Childhood: Sarah Sharp
School District Attorney: Lori Kopp
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General Director of Assessment & Demographics: Aaron Kipp
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General Director Human Resources: Carla Nolan
General Director of Fiscal Services: Gary Menke
Director of Budget and Grant Accounting: Shawnette Mansfield
Chief Information Officer: Scott Gowan
General Director of Central Services/Facilities Planning: Robert Seitz
General Director of Food and Nutrition Programs: Nicole Jahnke
Director of Purchasing: Deana Merryman
Director of Communications: Misty Kruger



The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

The district began the final phase of projects related to its \$143 million 2014 bond issue. Major construction was recently completed at the Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC) and the Shaner Early Learning Academy (Previously Shaner Elementary). Many of our schools have seen upgrades that include; FEMA standard storm shelters, windows, security and science classroom upgrades, and recently work began on the renovation of the Bishop Elementary building into the future USD 501 Bishop Professional Development Center.

Challenges:

Recruitment of special education teachers and specialty positions continues to be a common challenge in Kansas, Topeka Public Schools shares that experience with its peer districts. To attract and retain the best-qualified staff available across employee types, we continue efforts to improve our salary and benefits package.

During the 2017-18 school year, we faced some difficult transportation issues with our long time contracted school bus provider. The district decided to compete the contract for the upcoming 2018-19 school year; resulting in the incumbent student transportation provider being replaced with a new regional bus contractor. We look forward to providing our families with a high level of service when it comes to safely getting students to and from school.

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Note: FTE is the audited enrollment 9/20 and 2/20 (if applicable) and estimated for the budget year, which includes 4yr old at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-18, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. This information is used for calculating Amount Per Pupil for Sumexpen.xlsx and Budget At A Glance (BAG).

KSDE Website Information Available

K-12 Statistics (Building, District or State Totals) website below:

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/k12/k12.aspx>

- Attendance / Enrollment Reports
- Staff Reports
- Graduates / Dropouts Reports
- Crime / Violence Reports

School Finance Reports and Publications website below:

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Reports-and-Publications>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
- Mill Levies
- Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified)
- Salary Reports

Kansas Building Report Card website below:

<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

- Attendance Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Dropout Rate
- School Violence
- Assessments
 - Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- Graduates Passing Adv. Science Courses
- Graduates Passing Adv. Math Courses