



A circular arrangement of hands reaching up against a cloudy sky, with the word 'ACHIEVE' in the center.

ACHIEVE

Our school has partners who help the school, and we help the businesses by going there. »

Madi Williams
Hillcrest Student

I N V I G O R  T E



Lawrence Education Achievement Partners

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lawrence Education Achievement Partners is to create and foster effective community partnerships that support and enrich student achievement and success in the Lawrence Public Schools.

VISION STATEMENT

Lawrence Education Achievement Partners will strengthen understanding, involvement, and agreement between the community and the Lawrence Public Schools through results-based partnerships. These partnerships will provide collaborative opportunities to enhance curriculum, work-based learning, and volunteerism to help students achieve their fullest potential and become productive citizens.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Lawrence Business/Education Partnership set an aggressive strategic plan for 2002-2003 that served as a road map for the year's many activities. Credit for these accomplishments goes to the Board of Directors and our director, Sarah Martin. Their contributions led to:

- A Partnership Training Workshop with 90% of the Partnerships discussing topics to support student achievement.
- Hillcrest School and Free State Credit Union winning the Kansas Partners in Education Award of Excellence.
- Achievement Partners doubling time and financial contributions.

As we prepare to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, we are introducing a new name, Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP). While our mission remains the same, we now recognize our many partners as "Achievement Partners."

As our school district faces new challenges, our organization is poised to emphasize the importance of student achievement.

It has been an honor to work with individuals who are committed to high standards for our community's youth. I know that in the next ten years, LEAP will continue to have a significant influence on all of the students in Lawrence.

Sincerely,




Joan Golden
Chair 2002-2003
US Bank



YEAR IN REVIEW 2002-2003

- Achievement Partners doubled their contributions to the Lawrence Public Schools this year by giving more than \$819,800 in human, in-kind, and financial resources.
- The student-run credit union operated by sixth-graders at Hillcrest Elementary School and supported by the Free State Credit Union, received the 2002-2003 Kansas Partners in Education Award of Excellence.
- Hosted a Partnership Training Workshop on strategies for creating and sustaining effective partnerships for 115 Achievement Partner Coordinators.
- Developed a handbook for Achievement Partner Coordinators that provides tools and strategies for developing successful partnerships.
- Hosted a career day at East Hills Business Park for 40 high school students. Students toured several companies and received an overview of company salaries and benefits and skills required to be successful.
- Developed a collaborative partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County.
- Attendees at the School Funding & Mandates information session received an overview of the current budget situation and how Lawrence Public Schools is responding. More than 130 people attended.
- Created six new partnerships.
- Thirty educators participated in a week-long externship with a local business to explore connections between classroom curriculum and work life application.
- Offered schools and individual educators \$6,000 in mini-grants to implement career integration projects.



 Ruth Writ, retired flight instructor, talks about her life story to a Schwegler fourth-grader for the US Bank biography project.



☪ You realize that it truly makes a difference to a student if you show up every Tuesday to read with them and they miss you if you don't. That by having lunch with a child and his teacher, you're making a difference in a kid's self-esteem. That perhaps a small effort on your part set a child on a different course. ☪

Cindy Yulich
Emprise Bank

SIX NEW PARTNERS IN 2002-2003

Lawrence Home Builders Association – USD 497 Vocational Programs

By offering students opportunities to explore careers in building trades, the Home Builders Association plans to enhance awareness and public support of this industry.

Mr. Gatti's – Sunflower Elementary

Mr. Gatti's will be sharing more than the art of pizza making with students at Sunflower Elementary, they also plan to support academic achievement by providing items for student recognition.

My Father's Daughter – Woodlawn Elementary

Once a great partner to Grant Elementary, My Father's Daughter is now offering its support to Woodlawn by bringing goodies for holiday functions and volunteering for various events.

Subway – West Junior High

To show its appreciation of the West Junior High community, Subway will support educators and students by providing financial support for key priorities at the school and supporting drug abuse prevention and sporting activities.

Steak 'n Shake – After-School Programs

Steak 'n Shake plans to enhance social and life skills of students involved in the after-school programs by providing items for student recognition and hosting tours of its facility.

Stevens and Brand, LLC – New York Elementary

Lunches for fourth-graders at New York Elementary were a little more interesting this year as they spent time with their lunch buddies from Stevens and Brand. At the end of the year, students received a tour of the law firm and observed a court proceeding with Judge Fairchild presiding.

LEAP CONTRIBUTION TOTALS 2002-2003

Lawrence Business/Education Partnership Contribution Totals 2002-2003				
Level	Cash	In-kind	Volunteer hrs	Volunteer hrs value*
Elementary	\$ 11,294	\$ 32,141	5,699	\$ 91,448
Middle	\$ 9,040	\$ 11,682	397	\$ 6,352
High	\$ 15,910	\$ 30,869	894	\$ 14,217
District	\$ 58,048	\$153,525	26,458	\$ 385,343
Total	\$94,292	\$228,217	33,448	\$ 497,360

*Volunteer hours valued at \$16.00 per hour

2001-2002 Contribution Total: \$406,000

2002-2003 Contribution Total: \$819,869

(Partners Double Contributions to Public Schools)



Student leaders of the Hillcrest Elementary Credit Union show Congressman Dennis Moore the details of running the operation.

Not only does LEAP benefit

students, LEAP also benefits teachers.

From providing monetary assistance

for teachers to attend professional

development workshops to providing

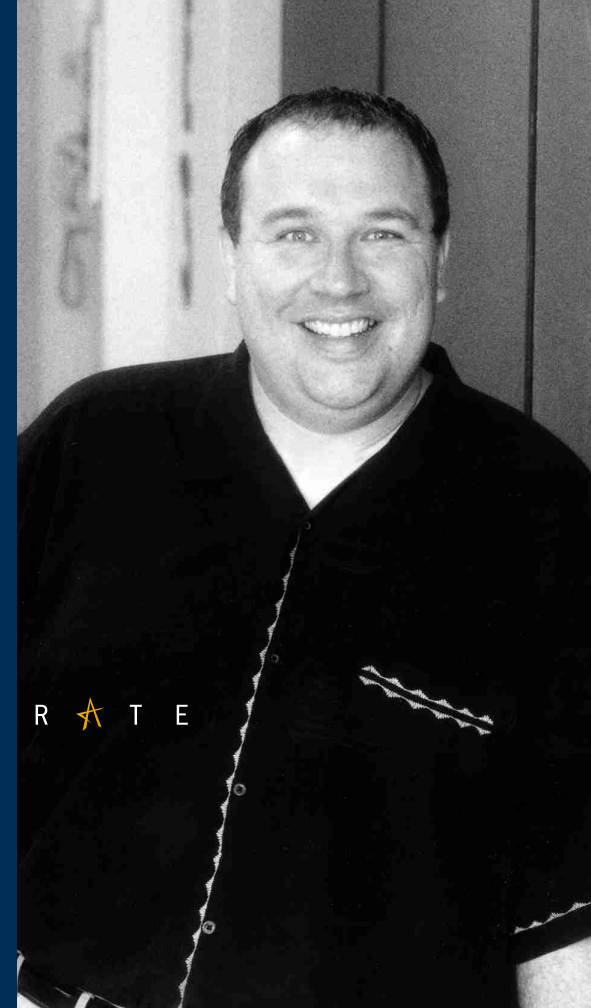
teacher recognition incentives –

LEAP helps make Lawrence Public

Schools a great place to teach. ”

Wayne Kruse
Quail Run Teacher

C O L L A B O R A T E





When we get involved in a mentor relationship, the rewards are intangible. Watching a student learn and become excited about our profession is rewarding.

David Livingood
GLPM Architects

I N N O V  T E

LEAP STRATEGIC PLAN 2003-2004

Objectives and Action Steps

1. *Create and foster effective, results-based partnerships that support student achievement in the Lawrence Public Schools.*

- Provide ongoing training that supports the creation and development of effective partnerships.
 - Action Planning Workshop: Recruit representatives from 100% of the schools and 65% of the Achievement Partners.
 - Partnership Training Workshop: Ensure 100% representation of the new Board members, 90% of new Achievement Partner Coordinators, and 50% of Achievement Partner Coordinators who were unable to attend the workshop in April 2003.
- Assist partnerships in the development and implementation of action plans that support at least one key school and organizational goal.
- Recognize excellence in partnerships and highlight best practices by hosting a district-wide recognition event by May 2004.

- Develop selection criteria, request nominations, recognize partners, and evaluate the event.
- Acquire needed funds and materials for the event.
- Participate as needed in the Vocational/ Technical Career Training Center Task Force.
- Promote community and educator participation in the web-based community resource network.
 - Recruit 75% of the Achievement Partners to enter an online profile by May 2004.

2. *Prepare and implement a public relations plan to enhance awareness of Lawrence Education Achievement Partners.*

- Create an internal and external communications plan for 2003-2004 that targets key publics and identifies evaluation instruments and funding sources for tools.

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Rob Gillespie, one of many Central National Bank employees who regularly read to Sunflower Elementary students, shares a book with kindergarteners.



LIST OF PARTNERS

Broken Arrow

Checkers
CMP Media

Cordley

Babcock Place
Dillon Stores
KU School of Education
Lawrence Rotary Club

Deerfield

Hy-Vee
Burger King

Hillcrest

Community Mercantile
Free State Credit Union
Wal-Mart

Kennedy

Douglas County Extension
Independence, Inc.
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Office Depot
Stevens & Brand, L.L.P.

Pinckney

Del Monte Foods
Gould Evans Associates, P.A.
Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Prairie Park

Animal Hospital of Lawrence
Capitol Federal Savings

Quail Run

Brandon Woods
PackerWare Corporation
UMB Bank

Schwegler

Borders Books & Music
E & E Display
FirstBank
Schlumberger

Sunflower

Central National Bank
Hy-Vee
Mr. Gatti's

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GCSAA

Woodlawn

Astaris
My Father's Daughter

Central Junior High

Chamber of Commerce
KU School of Education
Lawrence Arts Center

South Junior High

Haskell University
McDonald's

Southwest Junior High

Intrust Bank
McDonald's
Water's Edge

West Junior High

Coldwell Banker/McGrew
Commerce Bank
Subway
Sunrise Garden Center

Lawrence Free State High

Crown Automotive
Dillon Stores
Douglas County Bank
GLPM Architects
KU Credit Union
Hy-Vee
TherapyWorks
Warren-McElwain Mortuary
Wendland Performance

Lawrence High

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Cornerstone Construction
Dale Willey Automotive
Douglas Cnty. Master Gardeners
Gould Evans Associates P.A.
Hallmark Cards, Inc.
KU Credit Union
Lawrence Auto Antiques Club
LRM Industries
Malls Barbershop

Lawrence Alternative High

Peoples Bank
Lawrence Breakfast Optimist
Lawrence Workforce Center

Districtwide

Applebee's
Aquila
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Chili's
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Fine Arts

Seem-To-Be-Players
Spencer Museum of Art
Sport 2 Sport
Super Target
Watkins Museum of History

Lawrence Education Assoc.

KU Credit Union

Special Education

Garber Property Management
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Kevin Mayo, maintenance mechanic at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, measures Pinckney student, Ian Babcock, during "Measurement Day."



Charlotte Prosser, Central Junior High educator, pours a soft drink during the McDonald's McTeacher Night.





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