

# LEAP

Lawrence Education Achievement Partners

Community Partnerships Supporting  
Lawrence Public Schools



*Annual Report 2006-2007*

## OUR MISSION

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.



### LEAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Back row, l to r: Patrick Manning, Dennis Anderson, Kathy Pryor, Mark Heider, Karen Christilles, Jeff Novorr, Richard Holzmeister, Ginger Wehner.  
Sitting: Matt Hoy, Karen Schuyler (Chair), Laura Glass, Claudia Jones, Rick Gammill, Beth Johnson, Myron Melton, Bobbie Flory, Betty Markley  
(Not pictured: Lesa Franz, Steve Nilhas, Doris Ricks, Adela Solis)

## *Message from the Board of Directors*

Dear Friends,

Most nonprofit organizations tout their numbers, as they should, to demonstrate their accomplishments. We believe, however, that the Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) is more than just numbers. LEAP is about the people involved and the relationships that are developed. It is about the students whose school experiences are enriched because of a special program funded by business partners, about the teachers who greatly appreciate help from volunteers in their classrooms, and about the businesses and organizations in this community that give their time, talents, and financial contributions to the Lawrence Public Schools because they care.

LEAP partners recognize the value of a high-quality public education system. They understand that when one classroom, or even one student, is impacted by their contributions, the effect reverberates throughout the community. And what partners receive in return for their contributions is invaluable — goodwill for their business, excellent future employees, and, most importantly, heartfelt “thank you” from students, teachers, and parents.

We hope you will join us in continuing to support possibly the most valuable investment in this community — the Lawrence Public Schools.

Thank you!  
LEAP Board of Directors

## 2006-2007 School Year in Review

### AWARDS

Congratulations to the following LEAP partners and volunteers for their outstanding support of the Lawrence Public Schools throughout the 2006-2007 school year!

#### LEAP Five-Star Achievement Award

An annual award recognizing an exemplary partnership



#### **Lawrence Breakfast Optimists with New York Elementary School**

Working with New York Elementary School, the Lawrence Breakfast Optimists donated funds to support the orchestra program, supplied the library with magazines, provided each kindergarten student a gift certificate to Borders book store to pick out their very own book, and paid for the Body Walk program. In addition, members

of the Breakfast Optimists volunteered in the classroom, are involved in the Lunch Buddies program, and always support school activities.

#### LEAP Luminary Awards

Annual awards recognizing an individual volunteer from a business and another from a school for outstanding commitment and support of LEAP



#### **Lori Kloepper of University National Bank**

Lori read to Langston Hughes Elementary School students and coordinated guest readers, helped with sixth-grade graduation, served on the Site Council, helped students with community service drives and collections, and coordinated volunteer schedules, meetings, art displays, and field trips.



#### **Becky Browning of Lawrence Free State High School**

Becky helped organize major award ceremonies, coordinated efforts to have certificates and donations made, and created invitations and compiled lists of deserving students for awards.

## Shining Stars

Recognizing exceptional partnerships through the year

- **August: KU Credit Union with Lawrence Free State High School**  
Helped with mock trials and interviews, and held the first “Homestretch Senior Transition” workshop
- **September: CMP Media with Broken Arrow Elementary**  
Gave \$10,000 to organize and facilitate an After School Tutoring program
- **October: Sauer-Danfoss with Kennedy Elementary**  
Mentored students to enhance reading and math skills
- **November: Lawrence Noon Rotary with Cordley Elementary**  
Donated thesauruses, funding for field trips, and snacks for students during state assessments



KU Credit Union sponsored the “Homestretch Senior Transition” workshop for Lawrence Free State High School students.



Altrusa Club of Lawrence donated \$4,000 in books to New York Elementary School's library.

- **December: Altrusa Club of Lawrence with New York Elementary**  
Donated \$4,000 worth of books to the school's library
- **January: Haskell Indian Nations University with South Junior High**  
Provided tutors for the school's Brain Bank program
- **February: Lawrence Breakfast Optimists with New York Elementary**  
Made the “Body Walk” possible with many volunteer hours
- **March: First State Bank with Woodlawn Elementary**  
Volunteered in the homework room and taught students about savings, interest, credit ratings, inflation, and philanthropy

## LEAP'S ALLIANCE WITH THE LAWRENCE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

In January 2007, LEAP combined forces with the Lawrence Schools Foundation, the organization that raises money to support many district programs such as early childhood education, teacher grants, and student scholarships in the Lawrence Public Schools. While LEAP and the LSF will each retain their own identities at this time, together they plan to maximize resources and relationships to further benefit the public schools.

“We’ve combined staff to become more efficient and effective in getting the public involved in supporting our public schools, whether that involvement comes about through financial contributions, volunteerism, or donations of in-kind resources,” states Susan Esau, executive director of both organizations.

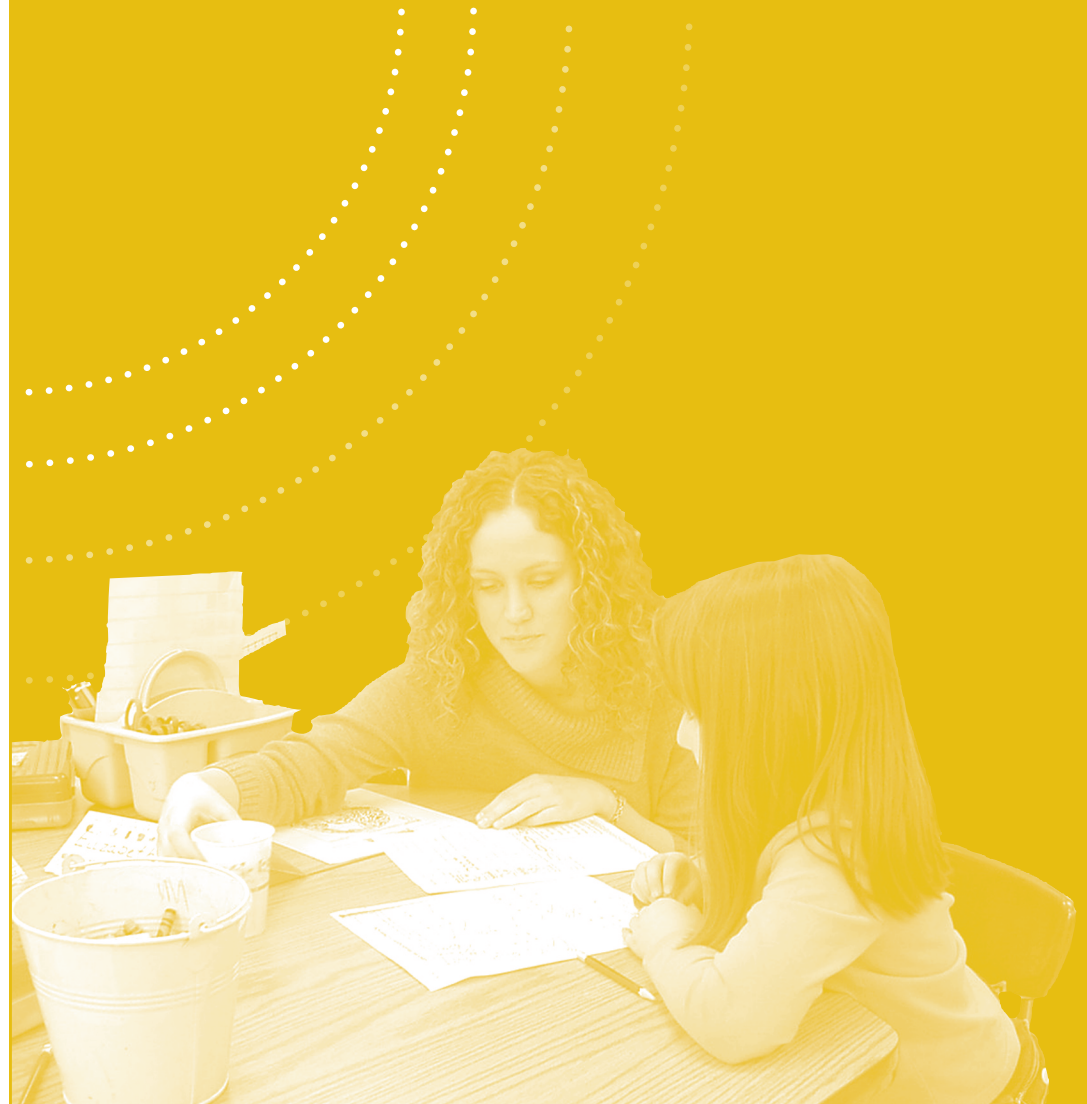


Lawrence  
Schools  
Foundation



Lawrence Education  
Achievement Partners

*Together we build relationships and resources*



## CONTRIBUTIONS

For 2006-2007 LEAP activities, reported by LEAP partners and schools

### Volunteer Hours...

Elementary Schools.....	1,735 hours	=	value of	\$ 26,474
Junior High Schools.....	222 hours	=	value of	\$ 3,380
High Schools.....	544 hours	=	value of	\$ 8,301
Districtwide.....	2,850 hours	=	value of	<u>\$ 43,491</u>
Volunteer total .....	5,351 hours	=	value of	\$ 81,646

### In-kind Contributions ...

Elementary Schools.....	\$ 28,574
Junior High Schools.....	\$ 8,437
High Schools.....	\$ 4,685
Districtwide.....	<u>\$612,435</u>
In-kind Contributions total.....	\$654,131

### Financial Contributions ...

Elementary Schools.....	\$ 24,695
Junior High Schools.....	\$ 4,575
High Schools.....	\$ 20,979
Districtwide.....	<u>\$ 12,462</u>
Financial Contributions total .....	\$ 62,711

**Total \$ Value of 06-07 LEAP Contributions ..... \$ 798,488**

*Thank you to all of our 2006-2007 partners and school coordinators!*

Please visit [www.leapforlawrence.org](http://www.leapforlawrence.org) for a list of all the LEAP partners.  
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