

New state aid for the 2019-2020 school year will impact learning in Montgomery County schools in a variety of ways. *Examples of how funding would be used include:*

- Increase in teacher salaries across Montgomery County to attract and retain highly qualified educators
- A focus on at-risk student programs including summer school and after school programs
- Expand preschool opportunities across Montgomery County
- Increase social-emotional services delivered to students on-site by counselors, psychologists, and social workers
- Expand career pathways, JAG-KS, internships, and other vocational-technical opportunities to assist career readiness
- Address deferred facility maintenance concerns in order to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students
- Expand College and Career Prep Programs that address the needs of all students

Standards and Accountability

We Support...

- Implementation and assessment of standards adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education
- The State Board of Education's Mission to be the first in the world in education.
- The State Board of Education's measure of post-secondary success.
- The opposition and use of public dollars and tax credits to fund private schools.
- Schools that receive public funds must meet state and federal accountability standards and provide programs and services required of public schools.

School Funding

We Support...

- The KS Board of Education finance recommendation in response to the KS Supreme Court Ruling
- The current school finance formula based on individual student needs
- School funding that is both equitable and adequate. Funding that ensures schools have the capacity to meet college and career standards, vision, and accreditation established by the state board
- Equitable state aid for school bonds that is not capped or dependent on other districts
- The further study of funding for out-of-state students
- Fully funding Special Education
- Fully funding Professional Development
- Additional funding for Early Childhood Education

Teacher Recruitment

We Support...

- Local Boards of Education hiring the most qualified candidate.
- Alternative methods for obtaining professional licensure and increasing reciprocity with other states.
- Establishing statewide financial incentives to encourage teachers to both enter and stay in the profession.
- Investing in teacher mentorship and professional development

School Efficiency

We Support...

- Local efforts to leverage resources to meet our student's needs.
- Local control of districts health insurance and purchasing programs

KPERS

We Support...

- Long-term, sustained commitment towards the funding of KPERS.
- Payments made to correct shortages that have occurred in the past.

School Safety

We Support...

- Local control of school safety and security measures.

2018-2019 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

FOUR MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS and TRI COUNTY INTERLOCAL

UNITED FOR OUR FUTURE

Montgomery County School Districts

The 5,821 students of Montgomery County, Kansas, are served in four public schools districts, which all utilize the Special Education Co-op Tri County Interlocal 607. Leadership from all four Montgomery County public schools and Tri-County worked collaboratively to create our 2018-2019 Montgomery County Legislative Positions. Our positions were mutually created with the belief that Montgomery County students are our top priority. Significant societal benefits are gained by supporting exemplary education, and all Kansas students deserve an adequate and equitable education.

Montgomery County Combined Facts

Student Enrollment-5,821

Economic Impact on Montgomery County Economy:

Total Staff-1,233

Total Payroll-\$22,165,611