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To: The House K-12 Education Budget Committee
From: Dawn McWilliams, CEO Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka
Date: February 14, 2018
Re: Testimony regarding the impact of school partnerships with Boys & Girls Clubs for at risk students

Chairman Patton and members of the Committee. I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide written comment today regarding the profound impact that Boys & Girls Clubs has on our states youth, especially those youth who need us most. Boys & Girls Clubs in the state of Kansas provide 43 Club sites in 15 cities. 58% sites are school based Club sites, 18% are traditional Clubhouses, 11% are military and 7% on Native American sites. 39% of Clubs are located in urban areas, 32% in suburban and 13% in rural areas. BGC reaches nearly 18,000 youth, 69% who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

There has never been a more important time in our nation's history then now to support our youth. Currently, one in five young people not only lives in poverty, but is unlikely to graduate high school on time; and over 11 million young people are unsupervised after school – a time when juvenile crime escalates, exposure to risky behavior is heightened and escapes into the internet plagued with unrealistic expectations breaded by social media are at the fingertip of these youth. Our Clubs are open every day after school and when school is out to provide a safe environment with people that care and evidence based curriculum that closes this opportunity gap. According to our annual National Youth Outcomes, 97% of our teens reported that they expect to graduate from high school, with 74% of members 12-17 who attend the Club regularly saying the earn mostly A's and B's compared with 67% of youth nationally. Club teens are more likely to abstain from alcohol and marijuana than their national peers. A recent Harris Poll survey of Boys & Girls Club alumni found that more than half – 54%- say that participating in the Club actually saved their life

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home, providing safe environments where kids have fun, basic needs are met (134,509 meals provided and 646,138 snacks), participate in life-changing programs, and form supportive relationships with peers and caring adults. When \$1 is invested in Boys & Girls Clubs \$9.60 in economic benefits are returned to the individual and society. That is 13.8 billion annually. Boys & Girls Clubs help kids do better in school, strengthen families, teach kids life skills and build strong communities.

Schools are challenged by the many needs that students and their families experience. Together with the Boys & Girls Clubs, we can build stronger futures and increase the success of all students especially those students who need us most.

Boys & Girls Clubs in Kansas



The Five Key Elements of Positive Youth Development are the foundation of Club Culture

- ❖ A safe and positive environment
- ❖ Fun-filled
- ❖ High expectations
- ❖ Recognition
- ❖ Supportive relationships

Boys & Girls Clubs provide targeted programs that are relevant to young people's lives today

- ❖ STEM, Creativity, Literacy
- ❖ College and Workforce Development
- ❖ 21st Century Leadership and Character
- ❖ Fitness, Health, Wellness

2015 BGCA Alumni Research Study Key Findings

- ❖ More than half of alumni say that participating in the Club really saved their life.
- ❖ Staff members play a critical role in the development of Club kids that continues to influence them throughout their lives.
- ❖ Boys & Girls Clubs have a long-lasting impact on the well-being of alumni, their families, and their communities.
- ❖ The Boys & Girls Club had a strong impact on alumni's commitment to their education.
- ❖ The Club gave alumni a strong sense of civic engagement and responsibility.

Operating Income

\$11,701,611 Total State Operating Income

43% Government Grant Income

Kansas Cities and Military Bases with Boys & Girls Club Programs and Facilities

Atchison	Lawrence	USAG Fort Leavenworth
Coffeyville	Manhattan	USAG Fort Riley
Horton	Mayetta	Wamego
Hutchinson	McConnell AFB	White Cloud
Junction City	Olathe	Wichita
Kansas City, KS	Topeka	



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Boys & Girls Clubs in Kansas

Nearly 18,000 youth are served through membership at 43 Club sites in 15 cities

Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens

Our Vision

To provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Why We Care

- ❖ 1 in 5 kids won't graduate on time¹
- ❖ Juvenile crime escalates between 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.²
- ❖ 3 out of 10 children are obese or overweight³
- ❖ 1 out of 5 young people lives in poverty⁴



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KANSAS ALLIANCE

Our Reach and Scope

Annual Number of Meals/Snacks Served at No Cost

134,509 Meals
646,138 Snacks

Registered Members that Qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch

69%

About the Youth We Serve:

81% Age 12 & Under
19% Teens

49% Caucasian
18% Black or African American
13% Multi-Racial
9% Hispanic or Latino
6% Native American

54% Male
46% Female

Types of Club Facilities:

58% Sites in Schools
18% Traditional Clubhouses
11% Military
7% Native American

Location of Club Facilities:

39% Urban
32% Suburban
13% Rural

¹ Editorial Projects in Education Research Center, "Diplomas Count 2014 – Motivation Matters: Engaging Students, Creating Learners," Education Week, Vol. 33, Issue 34 (June 5, 2014), www.edweek.org/go/dc14.

² OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book (Link: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/offenders/qa03401.asp?qaDate=2008>). Released on December 21, 2010.

³ Ogden, C.I., Carroll, M.D., Curten, L.R., et. Alt. Prevalence of High Body Mass Index in US Children and Adolescents, 2007-2008. Journal of the American Medical Association. (2010). 303(3): 242-249

⁴ DeNavas-Walt, C. & B.D. Proctor. (2014). Income and Poverty in the United States: 2013. U.S. Census Bureau.



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2017

IMPACT REPORT



“ No longer was there an angry young man who hated math.”

Club member
Adams Club

In 2017, we began tutoring a young man who hated math and had extremely low self confidence in math. As the year progressed, with the help of many people at Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka, his school, his family and our amazing math tutors, he began to improve. Most importantly, he started to become happy and then slowly he began to get better at math.

As he got better his self confidence improved also. By the end of the year, the transformation was astonishing! No longer was there an angry young man who hated math. He was genuinely happy and liked math and to his surprise, he was good at it too!

At the end of 2017, his happiness continues and he continues to progress wonderfully in math! He is a confident, hard working young man and meeting standards in all the math areas he has learned!

The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



The Need in Our State

Every day 91,728 kids in Kansas leave school with nowhere to go.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



10

Boys & Girls Club Sites
in Topeka, Kansas



10,630

Youth Served

= 2,377

Registered
Members

+

8,250

Youth Served Through
Community Outreach

Member Demographics

91%

Ages 12
and Younger

9%

Teens

43%

Minority Races
or Ethnicities

64%

Qualify for Free
or Reduced-Price
School Lunch

56%

Live in
Single-Parent
Households



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

14% of young people in Kansas fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

We provide programs to help prepare our members for graduation. When Club members graduate, they have a plan in place whether that be college, career, or the military.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **93%** expect to graduate from high school, and **72%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

33% of high-school youth in Kansas were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

We provide opportunities for community service, mentoring, recognition, and leadership so Club members can become responsible citizens.

Our Impact

63% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **41%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

31% of young people ages 10-17 in Kansas are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

We provide a healthy snack and dinner for Club members, as well as providing programs that teach them to make healthy decisions. In 2017, we served 57,538 healthy meals.

Our Impact

62% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Krystal Wiltz, Director of Development, Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka, 785.234.5601. www.bgctopeka.org**

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² [Afterschool Alliance \(AASPA\), Afterschool Alliance, <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/AASPA/>](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/AASPA/)

³ http://www.kanreportcard.kpsd.org/greatschools/eng_node/StateWidelyKnown3/

⁴ <http://www.dgdn.gov/ncstar04/mc2014/downloads/chapter3.pdf>

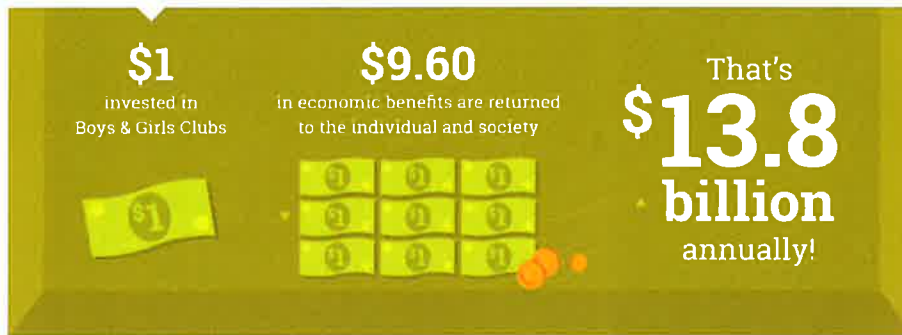
⁵ <http://www.streetsidecity.org/states/ks/>

An Investment in Boys & Girls Clubs Goes a Long Way

What if there was a way you could turn \$1 into nearly \$10 worth of benefits for youth, families and communities?



A 2015 study by the Institute for Social Research and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan found that for every...



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Clubs spend \$1.4 billion annually on operating costs to provide programs that...



We all benefit from an investment in Boys & Girls Clubs!



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Data Source: Institute for Social Research and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan (2015). Estimating the Return on Investment for Boys & Girls Clubs.



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