



Presentation to House Education Budget Committee

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Madam Chairperson and esteemed members of the Committee:

It is a distinct honor to appear before you today and present a live demonstration of K-12 education data available on our transparency site, KansasOpenGov.org.

KansasOpenGov gives Kansans a clear look at how their state and local tax dollars are spent. It's one of three transparency sites listed on the State of Kansas web site; the other two sites are the state's own KanView and US OpenGov operated by The White House.

Information is all obtained directly from official government sources. Multiple years of data are available on state employee earnings records, pension payments and property tax information by county. Payroll listings for a number of large cities and counties are also available.

KansasOpenGov also contains information on each Kansas school district and state totals, with annual information available for school years 2005 through 2011. Major data sections include:

- Revenue per-pupil from State, Federal and Local tax sources
- Spending per-pupil by major expenditure category
- Carryover Cash balances by fund
- Student achievement for grades 4, 8, 11 and overall district results
- Full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment
- FTE employment of teachers, non-teachers and total staff

Payroll listings, checkbooks and employment contracts are also available for 20 school districts representing 47% of all students in Kansas.

KansasOpenGov operates on custom-designed software that we helped develop to make it easy for small organizations with no IT specialists to build and maintain the entire site. We use several people to proof data before posting, but otherwise the site is maintained by one person on a part time basis.

We are gathering calendar 2012 data on state employee payroll and pension payments that should be posted in the next few weeks.

I'll be happy to answer questions during and following the live demonstration.