

Application for Membership

Lee's Summit R-7 Business Roundtable



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The mission of the Business Roundtable is to foster a productive relationship and a climate of collaboration between the R-7 School District, the business community, and patrons.

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of business or organization you represent: _____

Job title: _____

Is your employer aware of your application to participate in Business Roundtable? _____

How did you learn of Business Roundtable? _____

With what other school or civic groups are you affiliated? _____

What do you hope to gain from joining the Business Roundtable?

What do you believe you have to offer to the Business Roundtable? _____

Business Roundtable Desired Outcomes and additional information on back page.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. To raise awareness and promote understanding of education-related challenges and successes.
2. To improve communication between the R-7 School District and the business community.
3. To promote understanding of the major challenges facing the school district, the business community, and the community at-large.
4. To identify collaborative efforts that will mutually benefit the district and the business community.
5. To identify adequate and sustainable resource options that do not put an undue burden on any one segment of our community, including new revenue sources.
6. To partner with stakeholders to create a more balanced property-tax base.
7. To strengthen our impact on federal and state legislation through a collaborative effort that results in benefits to the R-7 School District, as well as the business community and citizens.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE BACKGROUND

The above-referenced Desired Outcomes date back to the formation of the Business Roundtable and were collaboratively developed with the original founding members of the group. As a historical reference, the group formed during discussions following the failed levy election of February 2011. At this time, it was determined that while there were many communication avenues and informal collaborations with the business community, there was a need for a more formal and regular opportunity to discuss ideas and garner feedback from this valuable stakeholder group, similar to that of our Citizens' Advisory Committee. Out of this reflection, the Business Roundtable idea was born and has proven valuable to both the district and the business community.

The Business Roundtable meetings typically occur from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. approximately four to six times per year. The group has a Steering Committee made up of members of the business community and school district leadership. This is a team chartered by the Lee's Summit R-7 School District superintendent. As our district strives to expand this outreach, we are seeking interested members of the business community who are enthusiastic about the potential of this collaboration and will make meeting attendance a priority. Thank you for your consideration.