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MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City is to leverage our members' combined strengths to provide high-quality and cost-effective services and resources to maximize learning for all students.

KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Support funding **early childhood education** through an increased appropriation in the Foundation Formula and no decrease to the SAT paid on the formula.

Support legislation that requires **all charter schools and MOCAP approved virtual programs** to be held to the same standards as all public schools with accreditation status and funding falling under the jurisdiction of the local school district.

Support legislation that requires equal representation and the unanimous support of all taxing jurisdictions for any **tax abatement project** or otherwise provide an opt-out provision.

Ongoing Legislative Issues
**SUPPORT**
- SUPPORT local school district authority to make the decisions about matters including but not limited to, employee compensation and working conditions; class sizes; curriculum and instruction materials; professional development; program and employee evaluations; and school calendar. We strongly support local control.
- SUPPORT maintaining the integrity of the current Foundation Formula and providing appropriations for fully funding the foundation formula, transportation formula, summer school and early childhood education.
- SUPPORT fully funding the transportation formula, including modifying the provision that penalizes school districts when they transport highly mobile students back to their original school of attendance.
- SUPPORT the creation and development of a system of interventions and support that leads to improvements in achievement for provisionally accredited and unaccredited school districts.
- SUPPORT legislation that annually reviews the effectiveness of tax credits and appropriates the funding based on the review.
- SUPPORT the full funding of education mandates in accordance with the Missouri Constitution.

**OPPOSE**
- OPPOSE any legislation or proposals that would divert public monies or resources from the public schools to non-public educational entities.
- OPPOSE legislation which reduces the benefits provided by the current state public school retirement systems (PSRS and PEERS).
- OPPOSE legislation or proposals that authorizes any mandate regarding open enrollment.
- OPPOSE legislation that sets percentages for school district fund balances.
- OPPOSE legislation that would alter the basic governance structure of the Missouri State High School Activities Association.
- OPPOSE any amendment to the Missouri Constitution to allow the distribution of state monies directly or indirectly to non-public educational entities or organizations.