



KANSAS LEARNING
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Partnering to Keep Learning First: Leading, Transforming, and Empowering

Tools for Advocating for Education

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Please react to:

– Handouts

- Kansas K-12 Funding in Context: A Quick Reference
- Kansans Again Common Core
- The Gannon K-12 Lawsuit Impact

– [Video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VzJfVY-LbU) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VzJfVY-LbU>)

Last year's vote to defund KCCRS only failed by 8 votes!!! They'll be back this session!!

Americans for Prosperity have a [tour](#) scheduled already! Take action now!!



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Who We Are:

- The Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA) is a coalition of 34 educational organizations in Kansas representing school boards, administrators, teachers, teacher educators, parents, the Kansas State Board of Education, and the Kansas State Department of Education. With the founding of KLFA in February 1999, Kansas was the first state to have a partnership affiliated with the national Learning First Alliance.

We're committed to Kansas students!



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Our Mission:

- The mission of KLFA is “to unite the education community to improve our outstanding public education system, pre-K through higher education, to empower each Kansan to succeed in the diverse, interdependent world of the 21st century.”

**We will struggle to improve in this
political climate!!**



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To achieve our mission, KLFA has chosen three goals:

1. Improving student learning;
2. Strengthening the professional learning of educators;
3. Engaging the community in school improvement and student achievement efforts



So what shall we do?

- **Advocate** for our schools in every community!
- Do what we do best: **TEACH!**
- **Who?** The legislators and our public
- **What?** The facts as we know about what's happening in our schools



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Tools For You:

- Fall 2013 Video: Advocating for Education in Kansas (8 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=uPQv7NUS4zw
 - https://www.dropbox.com/s/osc9kr0l5hgu18k/KLFA_Advocacy_Video_Talking_Points.docx
- Spring 2013 Building Our Future With Strong Kansas Schools (22 min. video presentation or PowerPoint)
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbmlxNF1Ut8&feature=player_embedded
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rb4qtk5g730ygvs/KLFA%20Advocacy%20PPT.pptx>
(PowerPoint)
 - <http://klfa.org/category/videos/> (Accompanying Graduate Data Worksheet)



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Tools For You:

- KLFA Public Service Announcements
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8xyYrW2ZJ4&feature=player_embedded (30 seconds)
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=v4Z7hAgQavQ (30 seconds)
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc6OkBxihHs&feature=player_embedded (30 seconds)
- Protect Kansas Schools Video
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cKyazH2lrM> (90 seconds)



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Tools For You:

- [KCCRS Toolkit](#)
 - <http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=DLj4EajvDzo%3D&tabid=4754&mid=12664>
- [FHSU Docking Institute for Public Policy](#)
 - <http://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/>
- [Setting the Record Straight on School Employees and Spending](#)
 - <http://tallmankasb.blogspot.com/2013/10/setting-record-straight-on-school.html?spref=fb>



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Before Viewing **Advocacy Video**, Consider...

- Most parents really, really like their neighborhood schools.
- Parents are important to student success.
- Our schools in Kansas have lost a tremendous amount of state and federal funding over the last 5-7 years. Kansas cuts to K-12 education funding were the fourth-most in the nation.
- Our schools and communities have long believed that the purpose of public education is to prepare students to be well educated in order to take part in our democratic society.
- A strong public education system is the fundamental element of a strong state, a strong economy, and strong communities.
- A quality school includes high standards, assessments to monitor progress, effective evaluation of educators, and a systemic accreditation protocol.



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Use your handout to:

- Jot some quick notes on the changes.
- Facilitate a discussion on driving questions.
- Write down your commitment to action.



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**What's your take-away?
Who else can you enlist?**

***Thanks for believing in the power
of education!***