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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PRAYER GUIDE

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"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares
the LORD, "plans for welfare and not calamity to
give you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Praying for KC Kids



WHY SCHOOLS?

The Caring for Kids team serves the School District Administration by helping establish strong, sustainable school partnerships with churches, businesses and civic groups in the community.

Approximately 90% of KCMO and KCK students are eligible for free or reduced priced lunch. (Missouri and Kansas Departments of Education)

Fewer than 70% of the students in the KCMO and KCK Districts graduate from high school. (Missouri and Kansas Departments of Education)

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. (Natl. Principals Report)

75% of America's state prison inmates and 59% of federal prison inmates are high school dropouts. (Harlow, 2003)

Studies indicate that about 40% of a teenager's waking hours are spent without companionship or supervision. Yet youth who meet regularly with their mentor are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. (Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters)



PARTNERING IN PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOLS

We need to pray for our kids and schools! Below are seven prayer points to help you get started. Consider dividing these into the days of the week praying one each day. Invite others to prayer walk with you around the school and neighborhood, lifting the children and staff as God leads you.

1. For every child to feel accepted and experience hope for the future. For every child to know that he or she has great value and purpose. (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139)
2. For the protection of the staff and students from violence. For a culture of kindness and respect to thrive with no bullying. (Psalm 91; Galatians 5:22-26)
3. For the principals and teachers to walk in wisdom, integrity, grace and truth. For each teacher to see every child as God sees them. For the staff and students to experience the love of God personally. (Ephesians 3:14-21)
4. For the staff and community partners to be able to respond to the needs of students and their families with wisdom and respect. (Matthew 25:40)



5. For healing of children and families whose homes and hearts experience the impact of poverty and trauma. For the protection of children from physical harm and emotional scars. Pray for healing of marriages and wisdom for parenting. (James 1:27)
6. For healthy environments for students to learn and be prepared for their future. For every child to be able to read on grade level by third grade. (Ephesians 1:18)
7. For wisdom, integrity, and discernment for the Superintendent and School Board. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)