



SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PRAYER GUIDE

Our **vision** is for all children to have hope and reach their highest potential.

Our **mission** is to mobilize community organizations in partnership with schools to inspire hope and help prepare children to impact their world.

**"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**

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**Praying
for KC Kids**



WHY SCHOOLS?

The Caring for Kids Network helps establish sustainable school partnerships with churches, businesses and civic groups/nonprofits, with the goal of creating healthier communities. These partners provide resources, mentors and volunteers.

Between 59-100% of students in the 7 districts served by CFKN were approved for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. (Missouri and Kansas Departments of Education)

Graduation rates vary between 70.2 and 94% in KC Metro districts. (Missouri and Kansas Departments of Education)

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

Young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor. (The Mentoring Effect, 2014)

Mentored youth maintain better attendance and better attitudes toward school. (The Role of Risk, 2013)

55% of educators are considering leaving the profession earlier than they had planned. 62% of Black and 59% of Hispanic/Latino educators are looking toward exiting. (NEA Study, 2022)

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. Invite others to prayer walk with you around the school and neighborhood, lifting up the children and staff as God leads you.

1. For every child to know that he or she is loved by God and has great value and purpose. For every child to feel accepted and experience hope for the future. (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139)
2. For the protection of the staff, students and families from violence. For a culture of kindness and respect where all can flourish. (Psalm 91; Galatians 5:22-26)
3. For the superintendents, school boards, principals and teachers to walk in wisdom, integrity, grace and truth. For them to experience God's love and to see each child as God sees them. (Ephesians 3:14-21)
4. For recruitment and retention of teachers and staff. For them to know they are appreciated and valued for the work they do and know they are truly making a difference in the lives of children and their families. (Isaiah 40:31 and 41:10)



5. For the staff and community partners to respond to the needs of students and their families, regardless of their zip code. For schools to receive the resources needed to help students academically, socially, and emotionally. (Matthew 22:39)
6. For healing of children and families whose homes and hearts experience the impact of poverty, trauma, and/or physical harm. (Psalm 147:3)
7. Pray for healing of marriages and wisdom for parenting. (Ephesians 4:32; Proverbs 22:6)
8. For nurturing environments where students can learn, meet academic and social/emotional benchmarks, and prepare for their future. (Ephesians 1:18)