

## Sponsor Statement SY2018 KIPP KC

KIPP Kansas City (KIPP KC) had significant board and staff changes in school year 2018. The board elected a new chair and proactively restructured school leadership to be more effective. Additionally, KIPP KC continued to implement program adjustments from the previous year. This report is structured by the expectations set forth in the Performance Contract with MU. KIPP KC meets its charter commitments in all areas.

- The Governing Board meets regularly, follows its agendas, and complies with all relevant laws, including the Sunshine Law. Following a period of declining academic achievement and changes in school leadership, the board has approved many changes to move the school forward and is working on strategic plans to build the board and improve the organization as a whole. The board will need to follow through with training and organizational strategic planning to guide additional changes.
- KIPP KC remains fiscally responsible and has adopted a more conservative budget to address less funding. They reduced regional staff to address budgetary concerns without impacting school staffing. The school will need to keep close watch on finances and academic concerns before considering expansion. KIPP KC ended the year with a 13.27% fund balance. The reduction from last year's 35.63% is due to capital projects.
- As part of the effort to stabilize culture and academic progress, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes did not accept new students. Tutoring and additional instruction have been added, giving the school a stronger academic focus. There was low turnover in staff, which may allow the school to return to a clearer KIPP culture and help teachers align with student needs, creating more consistent expectations and routines.
- The 2018 Missouri Assessment Program introduced new ELA and Math assessments and field tested the Science assessment. As a result, comparisons with prior years are not possible. KIPP KC met performance contract targets of exceeding KCPS scores on MAP testing and earned a 2018 APR of 97.8%.
- KIPP KC has recognized that it has had issues both academically and financially. With the changes that they continue to make, the school hopes to show more academic gains. However, growth and stabilization take time and the school may need to adjust expectations as they reach their goals.