



Education KPA

Vision Statement

The community of Lee's Summit and its educational partners through regional collaboration and dynamic planning meet the life-long learning needs of their diverse citizens.

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Goal

Create a collaboration between the City of Lee's Summit and its education partners initially focusing on life-long learning, employment needs, funding and diversity.

Rationale

We recognize that quality educational programs and institutions enhance the quality of our community, therefore; to ensure a productive citizenry and qualified workforce, it is necessary to provide citizens with current information, job training and retraining resources; pursue wider, more diversified educational funding resources; and foster an appreciation for and acceptance of the differences within our community. This will address challenges related to the lack of a coordinating body that actively engages the City and its educational partners for the benefit of the community.

Strategies

1. Provide opportunities for quality life-long learning and training.
2. Expand opportunities for training and/or retraining of citizens to meet the employment needs of the current and future regional and global employers.
3. Collaboratively work with state and local elected officials as well as businesses and other private entities to identify and develop additional and alternative funding mechanisms for education.
4. Educate the community regarding the value and importance of diversity in our community.

Action Steps for four strategies

- The City of Lee's Summit will initiate a representative committee of all stakeholders involving preschool through senior-citizen education.
- Committee will appoint task forces to identify needs and solutions in the areas of life-long learning, employment needs, funding, diversity and any other identified education-related area.
- Task force recommendations will be made to representative committee of stakeholders.
- Committee will make recommendations to City of Lee's Summit resulting in possible additional actions.

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Implementer and Resources

- Implementer: City of Lee's Summit appoints a committee according to the city charter.
- Resources: Existing City staff initially
- Timeline: Begin during October of 2009
- Measures of success:
 - City will appoint committee by October of 2009
 - City will conduct quarterly meetings with committee and city representatives
 - Committee will report annually to the city council