



## Partnership Inside Edition

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Reminder . . . . The Liberty School District is in the process of developing a new strategic plan and they want your input. Please take a minute to help chart the course for one of our most important assets. To complete the survey, click here <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PTKWQSB> If it does not open, just copy and paste the address into your browser.



## Legislative efforts continue



At a Northland Regional Chamber luncheon in June, Governor Jay Nixon made his case for the manufacturing legislation which would impact Ford and its suppliers. The Governor called a special session to address the bill. Alicia Stephens, Partnership exec., testified in support of the bill last week before House and Senate Committees. "If Ford goes away, so do the suppliers and in Liberty that means a minimum of 125 supplier jobs would be

gone." The bill is currently detained in Senator Chuck Purgason's GAFO (finance) committee. The Senate is expected to reconvene Thursday the 8th.

## Anniversary Celebration

Eighty community leaders gathered on June 16th to celebrate the Partnership's 5th anniversary. Chairman Russ Weathers commented that investment in the Partnership provides a positive return through increased jobs and thus the tax base.

Kansas City Area Development Council's CEO Bob Marcusse noted that communities with economic development partners make the difference in competing for business attraction. He said that the Partnership has come a long way in a short time and is a strong competitor in this market. Marcusse congratulated the community leaders in having the vision and commitment to grow their community and business base.



Following the speakers, attendees had the opportunity to tour Liberty North High School. Partnership investors and LPS contractors, Universal Construction and ACI-

Boland Frangkiser Hutchens, led the tour groups. We appreciate the efforts of the LPS folks in hosting the Celebration and KC Chamber (see separate article).

Thank you, retiring Board Members!



Part of the Anniversary Celebration included recognizing and thanking retiring board members for their commitment to the Partnership's work. Lou DeMarco (left) with Cosentino's PriceChopper and Harlene Bowman with Bank Midwest accepted plaques of appreciation from Partnership Chairman Russ Weathers.

Busy Day!

Our day was not done after the Anniversary Celebration! The Partnership hosted the Greater Kansas City Chamber's "KC Revealed" tour. About 50 community leaders from across the metro were on the coach that drove along South Liberty Parkway back to I-35 north to 291, ending at Liberty North High School. The Partnership provided a tour booklet that included a conceptual drawing of a Science & Technology Park.

For the presentation to the KC Chamber, Liberty area leaders painted the perfect picture of what it means to be community partners.



left to right: Dr. David Sallee-President William Jewell College, Jeff Kaczmarek- President EDC of KC, Liberty Mayor Greg Canuteson, Partnership Chairman Russ Weathers, Partnership Exec. Alicia Stephens, Greater KC Chamber CEO James Heeter, Mike Brewer - LPS Superintendent and Joe Crossett - Liberty Hospital Administrator.

At the closing session at the Liberty Memorial in downtown KC, KC Chamber Chairman Peter deSilva with UMB Bank noted " I hadn't been to Liberty in years! They have a lot going on!" Front page coverage in the KC Business Journal was a great result for the effort.

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