



## **Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA) and KTWU TV11 present “Reading, Writing and a Worthwhile Education for Kansas Kids”**

### **Host a “Watch and Talk Party”**

#### **Engage your community in this statewide discussion!**

Our world is changing, and Kansas students need to be prepared to meet that change. The conversation about how that should be accomplished within our public school system is a very large and multifaceted topic that will require a great deal of discussion among educational leaders, policymakers, business representatives, parents, educators and tax payers.

“Reading, Writing and a Worthwhile Education for Kansas Kids” is a one hour television program produced by KLFA and KTWU, Channel 11. It features three different panels (educators, parents and business representatives) discussing their thoughts on educational priorities in Kansas in order for students to be prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The show was originally broadcast simultaneously on all Kansas PBS stations September 23, 2009 and has enjoyed several subsequent airings.

The television program serves as a conversation starter for “Watch and Talk” (W/T) Parties. “Watch and Talk” (W/T) Parties can be as small as neighbors getting together or they can be larger events open to the general community. Many were held immediately after the airings and at other times using DVDs of the program or viewing it on iTunes University. It is imperative that local citizens continue to engage their community in this important conversation. KLFA is gathering feedback from the W/T Parties so that the voices of all participants can be heard. Make sure you and your community are part of the conversation!

#### **The Watch and Talk (W/T) Party Goals Are To:**

- 1) Discuss with your friends and neighbors the future of public education for Kansas children and share your ideas and conclusions.
- 2) Share personal stories about education that can be used to illustrate what your vision of a quality, affordable (21st Century) education looks like for all Kansas children.

**More information can be found on the KLFA website, [www.klfa.org](http://www.klfa.org)**

**Who can host a “Watch and Talk Party?”** – Anyone! These events can be hosted by any library, site council, PTA/parent group, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, civic organization or you!

#### **Beginning steps to hosting a “Watch and Talk Party”**

Step 1: Invite a variety of Friends, Family, Neighbors, or Colleagues: Resources are available on the Kansas Learning First Alliance website ([www.klfa.org](http://www.klfa.org)).

Step 2: Register your event on the Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA) website. Your registration will allow you to obtain additional resources for your Watch and Talk Party. When registering you will be asked if your “Watch and Talk” (W/T) Party is “private” or “public.” Only public W/T parties will be listed on the KLFA website. You will be given the option of requesting a DVD of the program. All registered W/T Party hosts will be sent the URL for an easy online feedback survey to be completed after the party is held.

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