invites ALL administrators superintendents, principals, curriculum leaders, special education administrators and other school leaders to join us for the

2014 Southwest Fall Regional Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) at the Clarion Inn, Garden City

Register online at www.usakansas.org/meeting

Introductions and opening remarks
Cheryl L. Semmel, Executive Director, USA|Kansas
Kelly Gillespie, Executive Director/CEO, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center

Crunching Numbers: School Finance and Legislative Issues for ALL administrators
Deputy Commissioner of Education Dale Dennis

Celebrating Excellence in Kansas Schools
There are many schools throughout Kansas that have implemented or are developing programs of innovation and excellence. In many cases, these districts have partnered with other organizations, local government and private industry to make the academic work students engage in even more relevant.

Lunch presentation

Get in the Game with Social Media
This session will look at how grassroots efforts and social media can make a difference and engage new voices in support of public education. Based on data and analytics, we know that patrons are not only watching, but engaging and sharing information from social media platforms. In this session, we will share strategies for more actively and effectively engaging not only your membership, but also your supporters.

2014 School Finance Survey - Kansas Center for Economic Growth
This summer, USA|Kansas and KSSA partnered with the Kansas Center for Economic Growth to conduct a comprehensive, statewide school finance survey. The Center is a non-partisan, non-profit policy organization that conducts research and analysis to promote and advance responsible policies by informing public discussion through credible, fact-based materials. Along with data collected from KSDE, the Center has produced this report on the impacts of cuts to Kansas schools, from a statewide perspective.

Roundtable Discussions
Participants will be able to rotate between 2-3 roundtable discussions. Each session will allow participants to provide feedback on topics such as the 2015 legislative agenda and USA|Kansas visioning and planning process. Your feedback will help guide board and committee discussions within the organization.