



Dear KIPP KC Families -

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Dayna Sanders as the new Executive Director of KIPP KC. This significant decision comes after an extensive and thorough four-month hiring process. Our process was carefully designed to gather evidence that would help us identify a leader with a proven track record of success and a vision that aligns with our community's current needs and aspirations. Based on the data we gathered, as well as the input shared from the Selection Committee and other critical stakeholders, such as parents, Board members, and community partners, the Board voted to select Dayna Sanders as the new ED starting full-time on July 1, 2024.



Dayna Sanders brings over 20 years of expertise in the K-12 education space and an unwavering commitment to KIPP's mission. She brings a wealth of expertise ranging from leading high-performing schools as Principal to serving as the Deputy Chief of Academics and Leadership Development with KIPP Texas Public Schools and overseeing the entire academic model across KIPP Texas's 25+ schools. Dayna is deeply dedicated to fostering inclusive communities and community partnerships and providing students with an excellent, joyful, and empowering education. She has shared an inspiring and exciting initial vision for KIPP KC's next chapter and is eager to work with the KIPP KC team to continue to craft this vision and bring it to fruition.

We are deeply grateful to the many KIPP KC teammates who played such a pivotal role in this process. To our selection committee members India Williams, Mayra Bencomo, Shannon Adams, Deidre Anderson Barbee, and Kinnari Smyth: Thank you so much for the time and thoughtful consideration you committed to this process. Thank you to the additional school and regional team members who participated in the final interview day. We would not have reached this decision without your tremendous partnership.

Please join us in welcoming Dayna to the KIPP KC team.

NaTika Rowles, Interim Board Chair
KIPP Kansas City