

Kansas Possible Future Funding

Both the legislature and KSDE have been discussing the possibility of future funding for reading intervention programs. The strongest consideration is being given to putting together funds that would provide multiple reading intervention programs with multiple years of funding. In this way, schools could select which reading intervention programs they would like to use. Training and support would also be provided as part of this program. Only computer based reading programs that meet certain fidelity criteria would qualify. In all likelihood KSDE would be involved in doing an independent evaluation of the results. We would like to assess the level of interest for this type of program from Kansas Schools and intend to share the results with selected Legislators and KSDE (only summary data will be shared). We believe this would give schools an effective option and let the results speak for themselves. Please complete the following two questions.

The survey was emailed to over 1900 in Kansas schools, including teachers, principals and superintendents. Over 400 individuals opened or read the email and 190 completed the survey.

Q1 I believe our school would be interested in participating in such a multi-year program.

Answered by 190

Yes - 178

No - 12

Q2 I would also be interested in expressing my views to either Legislators or KSDE staff.

Answered by 190.

Yes - 67

No - 123

Q3 If you are willing to share your views at the State Level, please provide us the following information.

62 shared some contact information.

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Q4 Please share any additional information or comments below:

Answered: 45 Skipped: 144

#	Responses	Date
1	We currently have a reading intervention program at our school. This program is vital to our students. They are able to provide individual interventions for students that I would not be able to accomplish in the classroom.	1/28/2016 10:25 PM
2	Give us money to hire back our reading interventionists. Direct teacher instruction is better than computer programs every time.	1/28/2016 6:45 PM
3	As a part of a grant, our district has been using a computer based program called Lexia for the past 1.5 years for our special education students. I believe this is an excellent program and have seen much growth in my students. I think that this program would be extremely beneficial to those students who do not qualify for special education, but need additional support to meet reading goals. It covers a broad range of literacy skills (comprehension, decoding and encoding) in a way that has been engaging to my students as well as helped them reach their IEP goals. It is not a replacement for the instruction that they receive in the classroom, but has impacted their ability to access the general education curriculum. It would be exciting to see the results if this were made available as a part of RTI.	1/28/2016 11:11 AM
4	I would be very interested in including math initiatives too! We need resources perhaps more in that area.	1/28/2016 10:00 AM
5	It is important that schools have a choice of which reading program their teachers feel would be most effective for their students.	1/28/2016 9:17 AM
6	I worked with a non profit that provided researched based reading programs. I have much I could say.	1/28/2016 8:42 AM
7	Our district has been using Lexia since it was funded and obtaining great results. After our Free contract runs out we will be forced to switch programs. The quote to renew the Lexia contract is over \$10,000 which our school cannot afford. It is unfortunate we have to switch programs for students and staff. This will require additional training and etc. making us start all over again.	1/28/2016 8:09 AM
8	I cannot say that I have a expertise in remedial reading but I do welcome the assistance from KSDE in finding remedial reading programs that are researched based and reasonable in cost.	1/28/2016 7:51 AM
9	I would be interested in learning more about the intervention programs available.	1/28/2016 7:50 AM
10	We will use Lexia regardless of what they pick out.	1/28/2016 7:45 AM
11	I feel it is equally important that in order for Kansas students to be College and Career ready, that they provide the MATH portion as well as reading! The State Assessment Norms for math are horrible!!!	1/28/2016 7:09 AM
12	Reading Plus and Lexia are 2 programs I have used in the schools and have seen vast improvement among the students.	1/28/2016 6:52 AM
13	I also run a summer reading program in the rural town where I live.	1/28/2016 5:46 AM
14	We really appreciate having access to Core 5. It has made a significant difference in our reading scores and our ability to differentiate in the classroom. MB	1/28/2016 4:52 AM
15	The elementary building where I teach is nearing the one -year mark for Lexia Core5 use. It is a good resource that reinforces and supports other direct literacy teaching experiences for many of our students.	1/27/2016 11:14 PM
16	The governor and legislature really should be ashamed of themselves for the way that they are gutting education funding. The proposed bill on all counties with less than 10,000 students would have only one district is a terrible option for kids. The merit pay initiative was obviously written by someone who doesn't know the first thing about teaching. We have no control over so many things in a student's life, and yet we are going to be graded and judged by how they do on a standardized test? And that will determine our paycheck when teacher A has no at risk students and teaches in an affluent school, while teacher B has 5 high risk students with inadequate support, but all the students are expected to show the same growth? Ludicrous! I am sick and tired of the constant attacks on the teaching profession by those who have not spent one day in the classroom as a teacher. Classrooms are not a business, with products that turn out exactly the same. They are filled with children, who come to us wherever they are, and we do our best to nurture and move them along the journey of learning to their highest potential.	1/27/2016 10:21 PM

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17	I am a third grade teacher. We have been using the Lexia program in my school which I understand is funded by the state. I have been very happy with it because it tracks the student's progress and provides instant feedback to me. I also like the lessons that it provides for me to teach on a skill that a student is struggling to master. I would like to see funding continue for this.	1/27/2016 9:58 PM
18	I believe giving schools choice between solid intervention programs is absolutely necessary. Our schools have spent a great deal of time learning to implement Lexia Core 5 with our students and have seen tremendous improvement with our students. Now that the state has removed funding for this program, we will likely lose this program next year. I fail to see why we should be forced to use only one program, which means we will need to learn a whole new system and provide intensive training to both teachers and students. Worst of all, there is no guarantee that if we make the switch, the funding for that program will be sustained for more than a year or two. Please consider allowing us to continue with our current intervention program.	1/27/2016 5:23 PM
19	We really need to find something we can stay with. It takes a lot of resources to change programs and get everyone up to speed.	1/27/2016 5:17 PM
20	I am now retired but volunteer as an instructional coach at my local school. I forwarded this to the assistant principal there, so that he might also respond. He would possibly want to share his views at the state level.	1/22/2016 2:08 PM
21	I truly believe the implementation of reading intervention programs help close the gaps in student learning. We have seen many successes with the Lexia program at our school. The students are engaged in the program and they incorporate their learning from Lexia into the classroom.	1/21/2016 4:33 PM
22	I feel that allowing schools to select which reading intervention program works for them, makes sense. The best program(s) will end up on the top, just like sweet cream. We are currently, happily using Lexia Core5, but as new technologies develop, we're evaluating what is the best at meeting our kids' needs. Hope that the KSDE is also allowed to be actively involved in this vital selection process. We have great schools in Kansas! It is time that we invest more in online intervention programs with continuous built-in assessments, than expensive State Assessments which have returned little or no usable data and kill kids' enthusiasm for learning. Don't take my word for it; view this video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogBuz4dU5Ew	1/20/2016 4:25 PM
23	Love Lexia Learning wish every school had this opportunity!	1/20/2016 12:30 PM
24	Find one and stick with it. We cant keep jumping in and out of different things every year or two.	1/20/2016 12:26 PM
25	We started the Lexia Program this year and have seen wonderful successes! We appreciate our State supporting education and offering us this program!	1/20/2016 8:26 AM
26	With our preschoolers, we are working on a reading program, and it is excellent in preparation for our students entering Kg. in the fall of 2016.	1/20/2016 7:19 AM
27	Loved the LEXIA program. Would like to see it continued 4th grade teacher	1/19/2016 11:45 AM
28	We appreciate any help the state can give us for an intervention reading program, but iStation is not working out well for us. Having a choice would be great!	1/19/2016 11:44 AM
29	My reason for selecting "no" on #2: I am not in a position to make these types of decisions for our district, however, I do review programs and make recommendations to our CI&A director and building principals. We would be interested in reading intervention programs that provide support to our existing curriculum. Programs we would consider must supplement and not be implemented by teachers in place of the district's approved curriculum. Computer based programs that would be considered for implementation in our district must also have extensive data reporting capabilities so that we can track usage, accountability, quality of learning, and growth...	1/19/2016 9:50 AM
30	Bring tenure back and let retired teachers teach without the 24% penalty. It's the only way to help stanch the teacher shortage in Kansas.	1/19/2016 9:04 AM
31	The Lexia Core 5 has been a positive intervention with our students. I am not sure why they give us a program that works, and then change the provider and a different program	1/19/2016 8:12 AM
32	I want to be clear: even the greatest computer program can NEVER replace the intervention and time investment of a human teacher. Language development and literacy can develop best when human interaction is in place. I think this initiative needs to go hand-in-hand with early childhood programs, pre-school and all day kindergarten as well. A computer should never be allowed to replace a REAL teacher.	1/19/2016 8:04 AM
33	I'm interested in quality reading programs. We have tried others in the past, but wasn't satisfied with results when compared to other programs that we are currently using. We are a k-8 MTSS school and we use AimsWEB for testing and data usage. We would like to see a/the program(s) before proceeding.	1/19/2016 7:30 AM
34	We used Lexia when that Grant was available and both our teachers and students loved it and found it to be very effective. They were very disappointed when it was discontinued. We have switched over to Istation, but it is still too early to make any generalizations or real comparisons to Lexia.	1/19/2016 7:29 AM

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35	The Lexia Core5 program has been a wonderful computer program for all our students. All students have made progress and learned, reviewed, and reinforced reading skills while also learning about different countries. This program has allowed our school to reach more students who need reading support and also offer enrichment to other students! We would definitely be interested in continuing this program and looking at others.	1/19/2016 6:23 AM
36	Please keep me in the loop as to progress made on this initiative. I hope you are successful.	1/18/2016 9:52 PM
37	Our district has a need for a larger variety of current, relevant, research-based interventions. And we need them to be available to all special education, regular education, title 1, and ELL teachers and their aides in order to reach all students who need them	1/18/2016 8:55 PM
38	We provide a high quality early education program to our young students living in poverty with proven outcomes. Brighter Futures Begin at TOP!	1/18/2016 8:32 PM
39	I have had training in working with students who have dyslexia or dyslexic symptoms. I would be looking for programs like Lexia that would be helpful to these students.	1/18/2016 7:48 PM
40	I am very disappointed that the state gave money to support this program and many schools have seen results as we have also. When they pulled the funding so that now we have to pay for it but the state's program is now free will find our school moving to their program due to budgetary concerns. Unfortunately, we now become a pilot program, once again possibly jeopardizing our children's reading progress.	1/18/2016 7:02 PM
41	All of our students have shown improvements through the use of the supplemental reading program that has been provided to the schools. Our teachers would very much like to see a continued use of the program.	1/18/2016 5:53 PM
42	If this is the direction chosen, it should be the same State Paid For Reading Program year-after-year. Not Program X for 3 years, then program A for 3 years. Changing programs requires starting a new baseline with every change and long-term student analysis becomes a short-term trend.	1/18/2016 4:51 PM
43	We are very concerned about the loss of Lexia funding after this year, especially since we have worked to implement it with effectiveness and fidelity. This is one very helpful support to our strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports. Thank you for working to consider future options!	1/18/2016 4:14 PM
44	We have been using Lexia Core5 through the Kansas Reading Initiative and have seen a lot of improvements in our students. We would hate to lose this program.	1/18/2016 3:39 PM
45	We have been implementing Lexia Core 5 for our students in grades K through 6th Grade for the 2014-2015 & 2015-2016 school year. We have also been trying Istation program with K through 4th graders since November of 2015. I work with the management and reports side of both programs. I would be glad to mention my view if questioned.	1/18/2016 3:11 PM