



# KINGSTON K-14 SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Kingston Families, Staff & Community,

In late 2023, a petition was initiated within the Kingston community, requesting the Missouri State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit of the Kingston K-14 School District. With the required signatures gathered, the audit commenced in spring 2024, focusing primarily on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Today, the Missouri State Auditor's Office will publicly release the audit report.

Since accepting the role of Superintendent earlier this year, I have worked with our leadership team to assess Kingston's strengths, areas for improvement, and opportunities for growth. Many of the areas we've identified for enhancement over the past four months are also highlighted in the audit. We view this report as an opportunity to refine our processes and strengthen our standard operating procedures across the district. Although there is more work ahead, I am encouraged by our progress and am confident that we are on a path of continuous improvement.

I encourage all Kingston stakeholders to review the complete audit report, including the district's responses to each recommendation, which are presented in *italicized text* throughout the report. These responses aim to clarify actions already taken and outline our plans moving forward. The audit report can be found under the news section of our district website at [www.kingston.k12.mo.us](http://www.kingston.k12.mo.us). Both the Board of Education and I are committed to transparency throughout this process. After reviewing the report, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by phone at 573-438-4982 or by email at [golden.mike@k-14.org](mailto:golden.mike@k-14.org).

Additionally, we will hold a special Board of Education meeting on Monday, November 4, at 6:00 P.M. in the Kingston High School Library. During this meeting, I will review the audit's findings and discuss the steps we are taking to implement necessary improvements. We hope this meeting will offer valuable insights, and I remain available to meet individually with any concerned stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enhance our district's operations.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Mike Golden  
Superintendent