

PE4Life to be used in 10 schools

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Kansas City, Kan. -

The Kansas City, Kan., Public School Board of Education accepted an informational item at Tuesday night's meeting about the PE4Life program that will be initiated in 10 schools in the district next year.

The grant program's mission is to improve school and community engagement in the effort to combat childhood obesity and improve physical activity of KCKPS students.

Jean Nay, coordinator of fine arts and physical education, presented the program and said her team is excited about the possibilities.

"PE4Life is a way for us to help our kids and district get healthier," Nay said. "Each of the ten schools will receive a \$20,000 service over the next couple years, so this is really a win-win situation all around."

The PE4Life received its grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City to be able to provide these services not only to Kansas City, Kan., but also to Kansas City, Mo., Hickman Mills, Independence and Center.

Ten schools will be brought in next year with two other schools brought in on subsequent years.

PE4Life has funding for programming in 36 KCKPS schools over the next three years and each school will receive two years of support to help improve physical education.