

PRESS RELEASE – THANK YOU

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As Superintendent of Knox Community Schools, I would like to publicly thank our community and members of the KCSC staff for all of their help during our flooding crisis in our Knox Community this past weekend. This past Saturday, at approximately 4:30 pm, I received a phone call from the Red Cross asking to use the facilities at KCSC for evacuation purposes for the citizens of Knox due to expected flooding. Red Cross officials, as well as local officials, told me to prepare for a possibility of 500-1000 people in the next few hours.

Less than two hours later, KCSC was mobilized and ready to meet the need. I would like to thank our students, maintenance staff, custodians, bus drivers, food service staff, teachers, support staff, board members, central office staff, and administrators for volunteering their time on a Saturday evening and for the next two days. Over forty KCSC staff arrived at our schools to assist the Red Cross in unloading the trailers, setting up the 200+ cots in the two gymnasiums, setting up food tables, covering the gym floors, opening up bathrooms and shower facilities, and being ready to assist children with games and activities. In addition, some KCSC staff even stayed through the night to assist if necessary. KCSC staff also took food to the sandbaggers and our food service staff prepared food for our fireman who were assisting in the evacuation and sand bagging efforts.

In addition, we had other staff members standing ready to help if needed. I cannot say enough about the tremendous last minute response that was done to help in this time of need. While only a few families actually needed our Red Cross site, we were prepared for the worst which must be done during an emergency.

Finally, I would like to thank the many people from our community who came into our Red Cross facility to offer assistance by means of food, clothing, money, labor, or just asking "How can we help?"

I am very proud of our Knox Community and the staff of KCSC!

THANK YOU!

Dr. William Reichhart 
Superintendent of Knox Community Schools