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## **Four Hundred Kansas City Students to Compete in Daylong Math Competition**

*PREP-KC's Regional Math Relays hosts students from four Kansas City-area school districts*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When four hundred high school students from six of Kansas City's urban school districts come together on May 1, they won't just be competing for team awards and individual scholarship opportunities. They also will be inspired to learn that *any* student with the right curriculum and support can be a successful math achiever.

PREP-KC, the region's leading intermediary supporting improvements in urban education, is hosting its first Regional Math Relays competition at Wyandotte High School as part of its Math Benchmarking strategy that is currently in place in a number of Kansas City's urban high schools.

“Many people—students and adults alike—resign themselves and say, ‘I’m just no good at math.’ But we don’t believe that needs to be the case,” said Susan Wally, president and CEO of PREP-KC. “Our Math Benchmarking strategy, and events like the Math Relays, are helping students see themselves as math achievers; and studies show that high school math achievers do better in college and in their future careers.”

The Regional Math Relays is an expansion of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools' (KCKPS) district-wide Math Relays held each year in February. The regional competition will host 25 students from the high schools in four of PREP-KC's six partner districts: Hickman Mills, Independence, KCKPS, and Kansas City, Mo. (KCMSD).

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Cerner Corporation is sponsoring the event and Kansas City Power & Light will have volunteers on-hand to help coordinate the hundreds of students, teachers, faculty and parents that will be in attendance.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wyandotte High School (2501 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kan.).

**Schedule of Events**

- 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.: Check in
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.: Opening convocation
- 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Individual competitions
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.: Team competitions
- 2:30 p.m.: Awards ceremony

**About PREP-KC**

The Partnership for Regional Educational Preparation (PREP-KC) is an educational intermediary organization founded in 2005 when a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was matched by over 20 funders from the Kansas City region. PREP-KC's mission is to increase college-going and access to high-quality employment for the over 60,000 mostly low-income students served by six of bi-state Kansas City's urban school districts.

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