



Dr. Rebecca Lee-Gwin – Chief Financial Officer

Rebecca Lee-Gwin, Ed. D, joined the Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD) as **Chief Financial Officer** in August 2009.

Lee-Gwin comes to Kansas City with more than 37 years of educational experience. She began her career in 1972 as a social studies teacher in Enterprise, Ala. She later moved to similar positions at schools in DeKalb, Ga., and Slidell, La. In 1985, she was appointed as a secondary administrator in Cartersville, Ga.

Lee-Gwin began her career in school finance in 1996 with the Alabama State Department of Education, where she facilitated communication in financial management and compliance with local school districts. It would be the first of three tenures at the state level in Alabama.

Seeking more leadership experience, Lee-Gwin was hired as superintendent by the **Lanett City Board of Education** in 1998. Her accomplishments were many including reducing a \$1 million budget deficit, leading a reorganization effort and the creation of distance learning programs.

Lee-Gwin returned to the **Alabama State Board of Education in 2001**, where she provided assistance to local school districts in finance, budgeting and human resources. During her final tenure with the Board in 2007, she assumed a similar role.

In 2004, Lee-Gwin was appointed superintendent of the **Russell County (Ala.) School District**, where she reduced its dropout rate, increased reading test scores. She led the school system in being the first district in Alabama to achieve district-level accreditation from Advanced-Ed.

Lee-Gwin earned a bachelor of science degree in Secondary Education in 1972 from Troy State University. She then earned a master of education degree from Georgia State University in 1977. Lee-Gwin also earned an educational specialist in administration and supervision from West Georgia College (1987), a DACUM Occupational Analysis Certification from Ohio State (1995), and a doctorate in administration and planning from the University of Alabama.