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KCM COMMUNITY STEPS UP WITH STATEWIDE SUPPORT

For the first time since its inception in 2006, this year's legislative session saw funding for the KCM (Kentucky Center for Mathematics) in question. While certainly challenging, the outpouring of support from math education stakeholders across the Commonwealth and the receptiveness of policymakers to KCM's message were quite uplifting.

Hearing teachers, administrators and other stakeholders express what KCM means to them was truly humbling. One teacher indicated that "the most amazing aspect of being affiliated with KCM was actually seeing the impact on students. Students who once started out with a negative attitude towards math gained confidence to persevere." Another declared that the **"intensive training from the KCM transformed my practice and gave me tools to implement better teaching for my students. The knowledge provided by KCM is invaluable to me as an educator."**

As well as individual educators, mathematics organizations throughout the Commonwealth responded with powerful statements of support. The Committee for Mathematics Achievement passed a resolution declaring that "the work of KCM is essential to the development and realization of a coherent, systemic mathematics education vision for all Kentucky children." The Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics affirmed "that many children in Kentucky would be very adversely affected if this [KCM] support is removed." And the Kentucky Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators called for **"continued investment in the KCM and the continued impact that this organization has on not only the teachers and students of today, but also those of tomorrow."** A high quality mathematics education for all students can only be achieved through a cooperative effort and KCM has been proud to partner with these fine organizations and looks forward to continuing collaborative efforts to realize a shared vision for the benefit of all Kentucky children.

Connecting with Kentucky legislators was quite exciting as members of the KCM community had the opportunity to share both personal experiences and robust data showing KCM impact. The many policymakers that met with KCM advocates were truly appreciated as they took the time to understand KCM and its importance to Kentucky children. KCM was especially thankful to [Senator Jimmy Higdon](#) who took time from an extremely busy legislative schedule to attend the KCM conference and personally thank KCM teachers for the extraordinary service they provide.

While the past few months have been a bit of a roller coaster ride, KCM is very thankful for the new connections that have been made, the old connections that have been strengthened and especially for the ability to continue working with the best math educators ever!

**"KCM HAS CHANGED WHO
I AM AS A TEACHER."**

-KCM COMMUNITY MEMBER