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**Absentee Voting Begins for April 5th
School & Special Election**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Feb. 23, 2016) – Absentee voting for the April 5 School and Special Election opens today, February 23. Kansas City voters will be voting on races and issues for: City of Kansas City MO, Metropolitan Community Colleges, Hickman Mills School District, Independence School District, and Kansas City MO School District.

This is the first time in many years that election cycles overlap and absentee voting is occurring for two elections simultaneously. (Absentee voting for the March 15 presidential primary is also open through March 14.)

Voters who qualify, may vote an absentee ballot in-person until 5 p.m. Monday, April 4th or by mail. Ballots cast by mail must be received by the Election Board no later than 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 5th.

In-person voting will be available at the Kansas City Election Board office, located in Union Station (30 W. Pershing Road), Suite 2800, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. through Monday, April 4th. The office will also be open for absentee voting on Saturday, April 2nd, 8 a.m. to noon.

For mail-in voting, an application form must be submitted to KCEB. The form is available at www.kceb.org, or by calling KCEB's absentee voting office at 816-842-4820 ext. 225.

Missouri election laws allow registered voters to vote absentee if they meet one of the following six requirements:

- 1) Will be absent from their voting jurisdiction on Election Day
- 2) Are incapacitated or confined due to illness or physical disability, or caring for an incapacitated person
- 3) Are restricted by religious belief or practice
- 4) Are employed by an election authority
- 5) Are incarcerated, but have retained all voting qualifications

- 6) Are a Missouri Safe at Home program participant

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, April 5th.

New residents who have moved into Kansas City must register by March 9 in order to be eligible to vote in the April 5 election. Voters who have moved since they last voted, should submit a change of address form by mail (30 W. Pershing Road, Suite 2800, Kansas City, MO 64108), fax (816-221-3348) or in person (KCEB Office, Suite 2800) to KCEB to be assured of receiving a new voter ID card and their new polling location.

Kansas City has 205,902 registered voters.

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For additional information or assistance, please contact kceb@kceb.org or call (816) 842-4820.

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