



Education K-12/Mentoring Meeting
April 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
St. James Episcopal Church - 3750 E. Douglas - Wichita

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Visioneering Wichita completed Phase I in December, 2004 which brought together over 9,000 area residents along with government and community leaders to understand and address the significant challenges facing our (MSA) Metropolitan Statistical Area of Sedgwick, Harvey, Butler and Sumner counties. The result of this unprecedented effort was the publication of a 20-year strategic plan and vision for our metro area (see www.visioneeringwichita.com for plan).

Now is the time to start on that plan. *Visioneering Wichita* is forming alliances around six priority areas: Entrepreneurism & Small Business; MSA as a College Mecca; Mentoring in our K-12 Systems; Health Care; Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony; and a South Central Kansas Unified Legislative Agenda.

Your organization has been identified as a needed valuable asset to begin an exploratory discussion regarding the formation of a strategic alliance on Mentoring in our K-12 Systems. You are invited to attend this initial meeting which will specifically discuss the following:

K-12/Mentoring

Expect parents to be involved in their schools and be accountable for the education and behavior of their children. Provide mentoring and education opportunities for parents to fill this role. Help with reading and other homework is a very important parental input. When the parent is unable or unwilling to provide this input the community will provide mentors and tutors from businesses, faith-based institutions, civic clubs, retirees, older students and other organizations. Every student who needs a mentor will have one. The Wichita MSA will be a mentor-focused community with an active center for mentor programming and a positive marketing campaign.

Please indicate your attendance by contacting Diane Longfellow at 268-1141 or via email at diane@wacc.org by April 13th. I hope your schedule permits your attendance at this critical first meeting. If you are unable to attend you may send a representative.