



Klein ISD Chooses KEV Group's SchoolCash Solution to Improve Accountability, Increase Productivity & Reduce Risk

The Challenge

In March 2007, Klein ISD identified a need to improve its approach to managing school activity funds. The inspiration behind the initiative – led by Gloria Frank, former Activity Funds Manager, Klein ISD – wasn't a significant event, such as fraud or a failed audit, that had adversely affected the District. Rather, Ms. Frank and her team sought to prevent a potential incident involving school activity fund mismanagement from negatively impacting Klein ISD.

A solution was required that reduced risk and improved accountability, while complementing Klein ISD's history of superior achievement in financial reporting and controls. Ms. Frank and her team began evaluating and researching their options for improvement with clear goals in mind.

Klein ISD had four main objectives:

- Standardizing school finance and reports
- Reducing the amount of cash moving through their schools
- Improving school-to-home communication

- Adopting a system that would allow them to achieve their long-standing commitment to excellence in fiscal management, financial integrity, and transparency

ABOUT KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Klein Independent School District (Klein ISD) is responsible for educating over 53,000 students in 50 schools across a geographical area in Harris County, Texas, that covers 88 square miles. Established in 1938, Klein ISD teaches students ranging from early childhood/pre-kindergarten education through grade 12 in elementary, intermediate, and high schools. Over 7,000 teachers and additional staff are employed by the District on a full-time equivalent basis.

SchoolCash Implementation Delivers Streamlined Processes, Greater Transparency & Enhanced Communication For Klein's Entire School Community

The Solution

Following a rigorous evaluation of numerous software providers, Klein ISD determined that the SchoolCash solution from KEV Group (KEV) was best suited to address its needs. The District recognized that the combination of a fully integrated back-end accounting system, online payments, and virtual point of sale that SchoolCash provides would integrate its processes and introduce greater transparency. Klein ISD also determined that the solution would allow them to

communicate information to school and district staff, students, parents, and the larger community more directly and efficiently.

The KEV Customer Success team worked with Klein ISD to share best practices, establish deliverable timelines, and gather feedback throughout the implementation of the solution into the District's processes. KEV's solution also included change management, tailored implementation, and customized school training to make the transition seamless at every level.

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Results

Now fully implemented with SchoolCash Accounting and SchoolCash Online, Klein schools, parents, and community are all embracing the benefits of the KEV's SchoolCash solution. Working alongside their dedicated KEV Customer Success Manager, Klein has created a standardized system of accounting controls,

reduced staff workload, and improved communication. They continue to receive a Superior Achievement rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) – the state's school financial accountability rating system – which ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices.

Looking to the Future

Building on 13 years of partnership, KEV and Klein ISD continue to communicate and meet regularly to ensure that the District's evolving needs are being addressed. Since implementing SchoolCash, Klein has expanded their project scope to include custom forms, fees for faculty spirit wear and HR background checks, a smartphone app for parents, and 1-1 tablet associated fees. Klein is exploring new ways that SchoolCash can save even more time and money by embracing new features and products, including the adoption of teacher level logins, expanding access to the solution at the District level.

Klein ISD At A Glance



Schools in the District

50



Funds Managed Annually

\$2 MILLION



Transactions
Processed Annually

55,000



Parent Adoption Rate

70%

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— **Gloria Frank**
Activity Funds Manager
Klein ISD



Founded in 1996, KEV Group is the only provider of a single, integrated solution that allows K-12 schools to manage every dollar by automating the entire school activity fund management process. More than 17,000 schools across North America rely on SchoolCash to manage over \$3 billion in activity funds annually.

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