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KCPT presents new multimedia series “The Learning Curve”

KCPT will premiere a new multimedia series on the state of education in the metro called “The Learning Curve” Thursday, March 26 at 7:25pm immediately following *Ruckus* on KCPT.

The new series is a year-long initiative exploring innovative ideas in education, the challenges of their implementation, and the methods by which we evaluate what is and isn't working in our schools.

Beginning with the theme “district innovations,” KCPT will produce a feature story each week leading up to a round table discussion with metro superintendents on *Kansas City Week in Review*, April 24 at 7:30pm. In this first season, we'll explore:

- March 26 - Kansas City Missouri School District’s broadcast television training as part of Career Tech Education program
- April 2 - Hickman Mills School District’s dramatic commitment to early childhood education
- April 9 - The Kansas Innovative School District Coalition
- April 16 - The changing face of arts education in budget conscious school districts

“Our goal is not only to tell the stories of what’s happening in education, but also to engage with educators and policy makers on what matters most to them and have a conversation about it,” says Angee Simmons, Vice-President for TV Production and Creative Services. “We want to hear from school districts, teachers, policy makers and parents on what they care about when it comes to education storytelling and give it some real focus. We’ve identified four areas that we want to dive into this year and we want to do it with the community involved.”

Those four areas include: district innovations, early childhood education, the cost of higher education, and inequities in education. For more information and to share stories go to kcpt.org/learningcurve.

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