



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Kansas City Public Schools Embrace Innovative Emozi® Program to Foster Student Success and Supplement Educator Professional Development**

*District Implements Emozi® Life Skills Curriculum Across 14 Schools*

GOODYEAR, AZ — PATHS Program LLC proudly announces that Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) adopted the Emozi® Middle School and Emozi® High School programs to bolster its students' emotional, social, and future-ready life skills. KCPS's commitment to its students' success spreads across 148 licenses for 8 middle schools and 270 licenses for 6 high schools.

KCPS, a vibrant urban district in Kansas City, Missouri, educates nearly 15,500 students and employs nearly 2,300 educators and administrators, is renowned for its diverse student body representing a rich multi-ethnic and multi-cultural mix.

Dr. Philip Jones, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction at KCPS commented on the implementation that began in August 2023, "In our pursuit of academic excellence, we recognize the importance of holistic student development and supporting educators wellbeing. The Emozi® program aligns perfectly with our vision, and we are excited about its positive impact on our students."

Emozi® Middle School and Emozi® High School are designed to be more than just a set of lessons. They are a comprehensive approach that ensures students not only understand their emotions but can also navigate them in constructive ways. With the added advantage of online teacher training, PATHS Program LLC ensures educators are well-prepared to successfully implement the curriculum.

"Our programs stand out because they are not just theoretical. They are hands-on, fully scripted, and come with all the necessary student activities and extension tasks," said Anna-Lisa Mackey, CEO of PATHS Program LLC. "But what truly sets us apart is our emphasis on fostering trusted student-teacher connections through face-to-face instruction rather than 'sit and forget' video lessons."



For more information about the PATHS Program LLC or Emozi® Middle School or High School, please contact Stephanie Brooks, CMO, at 623-738-4231.

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### **About PATHS Program LLC**

PATHS Program LLC is the exclusive North American publisher of the CASEL SElect, Blueprints' Model Program PATHS® curriculum for preschool-grade 5, and Emozi® Middle School and Emozi® High School for grades 6-12. Our research-based and research-informed social emotional learning curricula are instructor-led, aligned with CASEL and Common Core Standards, embeddable in all subject matters, flexible, culturally relevant, and uniquely noted for creating and preparing students for lifelong success and academic achievement and supporting educators' emotional well-being.

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