

## WE BELIEVE

WE BELIEVE ----- THAT THE EDUCATION OF KANSAS CHILDREN IS OF VITAL AND BASIC IMPORTANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN, TO THE STATE, TO THE NATION AND TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, AND THAT KANSAS CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO THE BEST EDUCATION THE STATE CAN PROVIDE.

WE BELIEVE ----- THAT EDUCATION IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE LIFE OF A PEOPLE --- THAT NO MORE ADEQUATE INDEX OF A STATE'S POSITION ON THE SCALE OF DEMOCRATIC CIVILIZATION EXISTS THAN THAT SHOWN BY THE EXCELLENCE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION IT PROVIDES ITS CITIZENS.

WE BELIEVE ----- THAT THE WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF A STATE ARE MEASURED BY THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATIONAL OUTPUT OF ITS SCHOOLS --- THAT BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSIONS WILL NOT RISE HIGHER THAN THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT OF ITS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

WE BELIEVE ----- THAT IN A DYNAMIC SOCIAL STRUCTURE, STRAINING UNDER THE STRESSES OF WAR, RACE PREJUDICES, ECONOMIC PRESSURES, SOCIAL EVOLUTION AND POLITICAL CONFLICTS, EDUCATION OF ALL THE CHILDREN OF ALL THE PEOPLE MUST PROVIDE THE COHESIVE FORCE WHICH WILL ENABLE THESE STRESSES TO BE MET WITHOUT UPHEAVAL.

WE BELIEVE ----- THAT "NATIONS CAN FLOAT INTO WAR ON FLOODS OF EMOTION AND ORATORY, BUT TO GET PEACE THEY MUST TRAVEL A HARD ROAD" --- THAT "EDUCATION IS THE MOTHER OF CIVILIZATION" AND MUST SERVE ALSO AS ITS PHYSICIAN AND NURSE. DOWN THE ROAD WHICH A FREE PEOPLE MUST TRAVEL EDUCATION WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY WILL CONTINUE ON ITS PATH TOWARD LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND BROTHERHOOD OR WILL GRADUALLY BE EDGED INTO THE SLOUGH OF SOCIAL CHAOS ON ONE HAND OR THAT OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC DICTATORSHIP ON THE OTHER.

## WE HAVE FAITH

WE HAVE FAITH ----- THAT AN EDUCATED CITIZENRY, LITERATE, TECHNICALLY SKILLED, INFORMED ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INSTILLED WITH A LOVE OF FREEDOM, A CONCEPT OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, AND A DESIRE FOR JUSTICE WILL HAVE THE INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL STAMINA REQUIRED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AS THEY ARE MEETING THOSE OF WAR.

WE HAVE FAITH ----- IN OUR CHILDREN; IN THEIR INHERENT CAPABILITIES FOR GROWTH INTO BUSINESS, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND CIVIC LEADERS; IN THEIR DESIRES AND CAPACITIES FOR SELF-REALIZATION, IN THEIR EAGERNESS TO RESPOND TO A PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MEANINGFUL GOALS, AND IN THEIR ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS THEY MUST FACE IF PROPERLY EDUCATED AND EQUIPPED BY OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

WE HAVE FAITH ----- THAT THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN, BROUGHT TO A REALIZATION OF THE INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH EXIST, SHOWN THE WAYS IN WHICH THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS CAN BE MET, WILL INSIST THAT EDUCATION BE PERMITTED AND ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE WITH A VISION TO THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE FAITH ----- THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS IN RESPONSE TO THE WISHES OF THE CITIZENS WILL CONTINUE TO CORRECT MANY OF THE CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE LAG OF EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION BEHIND THE RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE STATE.