

## KCPSRS Goes Paperless for Retirement Benefit Statements – 1099-R Tax Forms Mailing Soon

KCPSRS is committed to improving efficiency, security and sustainability. Beginning this year, retirement benefit year-end statements will no longer be mailed. Instead, you can access them anytime through My Account, giving you faster service and enhanced protection for your personal data.

In addition, KCPSRS will mail IRS tax form 1099-R by January 31, 2026. Once mailed, electronic versions of your 1099-R will be made available by January 31, 2026 by logging into My Account at [kcpsrs.org](http://kcpsrs.org), where both current and past forms are available. If you have not received your 1099-R Form by February 23, 2026, please contact us at 816-472-5800 or [kcpsrs@kcpsrs.org](mailto:kcpsrs@kcpsrs.org).

Lastly, you may notice a difference in your January 2026 pension payment. The System has updated the tax tables for FY 2026.

### Your 1099-R includes:

- Box 1: Gross distribution – Total amount paid to you by KCPSRS
- Box 2a: Taxable amount – Portion of your benefit that is taxable income
- Box 4: Federal income tax withheld
- Box 7: Distribution code(s) – Type of benefit paid
- Box 12: State tax withheld
- Box 13: KCPSRS state ID number

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## Manage and Access Your Pension Info with Ease

In today's digital world, accessing your retirement account should be simple. KCPSRS offers easy-to-use tools to help you stay informed and confident about your financial future. Visit [www.kcpsrs.org](http://www.kcpsrs.org) and log in to **My Account** to:

- View details about pension
- Download income verification
- Download 1099-R's

### Getting Started Is Easy:

- 1.Click the red **"My Account Login"** button on the homepage
- 2.(For new users) Select **"Create a New User ID"**
- 3.Complete identity verification and security questions

As the new year begins, it's also a great time to review and update your records. Life changes—such as marriage, loss or relocation—can affect your retirement planning.

### Take a moment to check:

- Beneficiaries** – Has anything changed?
- Contact Info** – New address, phone, or email?
- Tax Withholdings**

Keeping your information current ensures your wishes are honored and helps us reach you when needed.

## KCPSRS Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 17 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for February retirement benefits
- 16 KCPSRS Office Closed—President's Day
- 26 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 27 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### MARCH

- 9 Board of Trustees meeting
- 16 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for March retirement benefits
- 30 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 31 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### APRIL

- 3 KCPSRS Office Closed—Good Friday
- 6 Board of Trustees meeting
- 15 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for April retirement benefits
- 29 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 30 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### MAY

- 15 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for May retirement benefits
- 25 KCPSRS Office Closed—Memorial Day
- 28 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 29 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### JUNE

- 1 Board of Trustees meeting
- 15 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for June retirement benefits
- 19 KCPSRS Office Closed—Juneteenth
- 29 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 30 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### JULY

- 3 KCPSRS Office Closed—Independence Day
- 15 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for July retirement benefits
- 30 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 31 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### AUGUST

- 17 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for August retirement benefits
- 28 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 31 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 KCPSRS Office Closed—Labor Day
- 14 Board of Trustees meeting
- 15 Deadline to submit direct deposit & tax changes for September retirement benefits
- 29 Retirement benefit checks mailed
- 30 Retirement benefit direct deposits deposited

## Looking Ahead: Building a Stronger Connection in 2026

As we prepare for an exciting year ahead, we're focused on creating meaningful opportunities to support our members. One of our priorities in 2026 is education.

**We want to hear from you.** What kind of educational support would be most helpful? Please email your feedback to help in shaping the content and format of these offerings to ensure they are relevant and impactful.

In addition to expanding educational resources, we're working to strengthen our communication efforts. We recognize the importance of direct communication and are shifting toward more personalized outreach. Your participation is essential in making this transition successful.

Please contact the appropriate KCPSRS staff member to ensure your contact information is current. Staying connected helps us serve you better.

We remain committed to improving accessibility across the System. Enhancing ADA compliance is continuous priority, including content, color and orientation adjustments, as well as accessibility profiles like Seizure Sage mode, Vision impaired mode, ADHD-Friendly settings and Cognitive Disability support. These features ensure all members can access our services with ease. Please check out our website TODAY.

Together, let's make 2026 a year of growth, connection and support.

## KCPSRS Board Election Results



Lauren Jenkins has worked in education for fourteen years. She has spent the last nine years as an ELA classroom teacher. Lauren holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish from UMKC and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Park University. She is a proud KCPS parent, a 2022 Urban Leaders Fellowship policy fellow and a 2022 TFA Green fellow.

## 2026 Board of Trustees

### ELECTED MEMBERS

<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Andrew Murphy	December 2026
Dr. Lauren Amicone	December 2027
Dr. Stacy King	December 2028
Lauren Jenkins	December 2029

<u>Retired Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Linda Watkins	December 2026
Debbie Siragusa	December 2028

### APPOINTED MEMBERS

<u>School District</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Judy Morgan	December 2026
Brian Welch	December 2028
Cecelia Carter	December 2029

<u>Library</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Murphy	December 2028
<u>District Superintendent</u>	
Dr. Jennifer Collier	

## With Gratitude: KCPSRS Salutes Jamekia Kendrix



Jamekia Kendrix joined the KCPSRS Board in 2022. A passionate advocate for education, Ms. Kendrix has consistently supported the belief thriving school communities depend on empowered teachers and the assurance of a secure financial future.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Kendrix's unwavering commitment to KCPSRS and its members has been evident in every decision and discussion. As she concludes her time on the Board, we celebrate her leadership, vision and dedication to those who serve our schools. Her impact will be felt for years to come.

*"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a KCPSRS Trustee representing active members. It has been an honor to contribute to our mission, and I am deeply appreciative of the collaboration, insights and support I have received from my fellow members. It has helped me to become a stronger, more effective advocate. I have learned so much as we navigated COVID, multiple leadership and staff transitions and set the foundation to establish the System's first strategic plan in 2026. This experience has been profoundly rewarding and has given me invaluable learning that I will carry forward. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve."* - Jamekia Kendrix

*"Ms. Kendrix's dedication to the KCPSRS Board of Trustees and her willingness to go above and beyond while serving on committees has helped solidify the foundation of excellence for the future, for the Board and board members who will follow."* - Cecelia Carter, Chairperson

*"Ms. Kendrix has served the roll as trustee and fiduciary honorably. Her desire to explore avenues of learning and bring this learned information back to the Board has contributed to the overall growth and success of the Board and the System. We wish her the best in her future endeavors."* - Dr. Jason Steliga, Executive Director



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## COLA Update 2026

Per Missouri Law, KCPSRS is prohibited from granting a COLA if the funded ratio of the System is below 100% or the actual contribution rate paid by employers and active members is greater than the actuarial required rate as determined by the actuary for the year. As of the 1.1.2025 valuation, the funded ratio for the System is 68.5%, and the actuarial contribution rate is 17.74%. As the funded ratio is not 100%, no COLA will be granted by the Board for this year.

## Relocation Update – How to Visit Us at Our New Office

We're excited to welcome you to our new location at **1201 Walnut Street** in downtown Kansas City! Here's everything you need to know to make your visit smooth and easy:

### Appointments Required

For security and personalized service, **all visits are by appointment only.**

Please schedule your visit by:

- **Phone:** (816) 472-5800
- **Email:** [kcpsrs@kcpsrs.org](mailto:kcpsrs@kcpsrs.org)

### Getting Here:

- **Primary Intersection:** 12th & Walnut
- **Additional Entrances:** You can also enter the building from **Grand Avenue** or **13th Street**.

### Parking & Transit:

- If you're driving, parking is available in the building's garage. **Please bring your parking ticket with you so we can validate it** during your visit.
- There are plenty of public transit options including the **KC Streetcar**, which runs along Main Street, is **free of charge** and transverses 5.7-mile stretch from River Market to UMKC.
- Multiple bus routes serve the area, and highway access is convenient via **Interstates 35 and 670, as well as Highway 71**

### Building Access:

- Upon arrival, **check in with security** at the main entrance.
- Security will provide you with access to the **14th floor**, where our office is located.