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Included: Educators in attendance

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Preparing for State Assessments

As new Kansas Science Assessments will be given in the spring of 2008, how do teachers prepare for them? A one-day workshop addressed issues high school teachers and administrators will face in preparing for the tests.

Nearly 20 educators from across Kansas visited Emporia to get a clearer picture of what the standards require of Kansas' students. Teachers attended the one-day workshop, "Getting Ready for the Kansas Science Assessments: A workshop for high school teachers and administrators," presented January 7 at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University.

The workshop's presenter, Kelly Deters, is in her ninth year of teaching at Shawnee Heights High School and has taught a wide range of chemistry courses at both high school and college levels, including a chemistry class with an emphasis on art. She has presented at district, state and national levels on curriculum reform and inquiry lab techniques.

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Educators attending the conference included:

USD 229, Overland Park –
Stephanie Louis

USD 259, Wichita –
Joanna Farmer
Nancy Jabara
Ed Pokorski

USD 308, Hutchinson –
Kayla Dominick
Clint Rodriguez

USD 321, St. Mary's –
Amanda McLaughlin
Brian Rieschick

USD 340, Meriden –
Rena Kilgore
Roxanne Silovsky
Rod Smith

USD 386, Madison –
Jody McCollum
Justin Redeker

USD 409, Atchinson –
Walt Hare
Rod Heffley

USD 437, Topeka –
Kim Rasmussen
Sherry Reed

USD 490, El Dorado –
Travis Daniel

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