

Kansas education officials visit Hiawatha

(KNZA)--Kansas education officials made a stop in Hiawatha Wednesday afternoon as part of the "Kansans Can Success Tour."

Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Brad Neuenswander are visiting 50 cities across the state to gather feed-back on the state's vision for K-12 education, which was created after a 2015 tour.

Information was shared on the progress made toward achieving the vision established by the Kansas State Board of Education.

Watson and Neuenswander are meeting with educators, parents, legislators, school board leaders and community members.

Dr. Watson said the tour conversations are mainly focused on how best to shape education across the state for years to come and not just for the present. "When we get back, we'll crunch all the data. We will have, probably, Kansas State or another university, help us with that, and then we'll bring it to the state board and we'll take a look at what we're currently doing; what Kansans said that maybe we want to change, or things that we can do to strengthen and support schools. Then we'll merge that together and see if there's any difference and then we'll share that back out."

The tour also made a stop Wednesday in Marysville. The tour, which kicked off in July, is to wrap-up September 9.

