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### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$100,000?**

**September 11, 2013** – Thousands of Kansas students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are spending some of their classroom time this Fall learning about investing with lessons and activities written specifically for their grade level. The Stock Market Game (SMG) is a project based program that was created in 1977. The SMG has a competitive side for the students but was designed for teachers. Teams of students invest a hypothetical \$100,000 dollars in real stocks, mutual funds & bonds with real prices during the trading session. Teams track their progress with an online portfolio. The SMG provides teachers will full lesson plans and activities that have been tested and used in thousands of classrooms across the United States. These resources have strong ties to common core standards, math, reading and social studies, while helping students to develop critical thinking and teamwork skills. The SMG is virtual investing with real-world learning.

The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and contributors to the Kansas Council for Economic Education (KCEE) have provided funds for the Stock Market Game to ensure that every Kansas student in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade has equal opportunity to participate in the SMG program. The SMG is offered in Kansas through KCEE. The KCEE is affiliated with all of Kansas' six public universities and is hosted by the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University.

This program not only helps the students, but also provides teachers with free web-based training and support for the program. The SMG can be used during the Fall or Spring semester. The SMG also provides teachers with full lesson plans by grade level and subject area, lessons correlated to KS standards and common core, and strong support for 21<sup>st</sup> century readiness. The Stock Market Game has been proven to raise test scores in math and Finance. All teachers can register their classes online at [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org). The SMG is available to the public at a cost of \$10/team.

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### **About the Kansas Council for Economic Education and the Stock Market Game**

The Stock Market Game™ program is owned by the SIFMA Foundation for Investor Education and is administered in Kansas since 1977 by the Kansas Council for Economic Education (KCEE). KCEE, founded in 1959, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping Kansas teachers and educating Kansas K-12 students on the foundational subjects of economics and personal finance. The KCEE is affiliated with all of Kansas' six public universities and is hosted by the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University. To find out more about the KCEE and its programs, visit [www.kcee.wichita.edu](http://www.kcee.wichita.edu) or contact the KCEE at (316) 978-5183 or email [KCEE@wichita.edu](mailto:KCEE@wichita.edu).