



2021 Kansas Economic Policy Conference



Senator Brenda S. Dietrich **District 20** **Kansas Senate**

Senator Brenda Dietrich is a former educator, having retired as Superintendent of the Auburn-Washburn School District in 2015. She had a fulfilling 40 year career in public schools, including the last 19 years as Superintendent. In 2007, Brenda was named the 2007 Kansas Superintendent of the Year and was a finalist for National Superintendent of the Year.

Senator Dietrich graduated from McPherson High School and received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Kansas State University. She also has a Master's Degree and a Ph.D. in Education Administration.

After Senator Dietrich retired in 2015, she was encouraged to run for the Kansas House of Representatives where she served 2 terms in House District 52. In 2020, she ran for the Kansas Senate and is in her first term.

Senator Dietrich serves as Chair of the Joint Committee on Claims Against the State. She is also on the Senate Education Committee, Transportation Committee, Insurance Committee, Financial Institutions Committee and Federal and State Affairs Committee. She serves on the Joint Committee on Pensions and Benefits and the Special Committee on the Modernization of Liquor Laws. Senator Dietrich is an NCSL Early Childhood Fellow and an NCSL School Finance Fellow and is actively engaged in professional activities in her community, serving on the Board of the Jayhawk Council of Boy Scouts, the Library Foundation Board, the StarBase Board, and has been a Rotarian for many years.