

Kent [Friel's] **outstanding leadership** of the Education panel is highlighted by the **Leader to Leader program**. This program has succeeded for 15 years in linking business leaders with CPS principals to make CPS much more effective. Dick Adams

Kent is a **talented teacher** who can clearly explain complexities like school funding formulas. He is **generous** with his time and always **well organized**. He deserves respect and admiration for his **devotion to the community**. Barbara Glueck

Kent reported that his wife said " You are working harder for the Cincinnati Education panel, for free, than you were when you were paid by your employer". John Simpkinson

Kent Friel is an **impressive leader**. **He gives so much of his personal time** and energy in a **selfless, humble** way. It was my honor to serve with Kent to support the education of Cincinnati's youth." Harry Blanton

Kent has always been timely, concise and governed with precision, all while being totally **respectful** of others and being of **good humor**. Bob Buechner

Kent was one of the very first persons **to welcome me** into this community – and he did it with such **sincere warmth and kindness** that I will never forget it and am forever grateful. H. James Williams, Mt. St. Joseph President

Some other words I could definitely express about Kent would be.....
Kind, Committed, and BIG PICTURE ORIENTED! Blessings, Liz Loring

A likely suspect is an individual that gets rounded up when there is a problem because they are part of the problem. Kent is a different kind of likely suspect – when there is a problem, Kent gets brought to the table because he is likely to be someone who can **help solve** the problem!! Larry Johnson

Kent is a Knight with a Smile and Great Ideas. Bill Muse

"Kent is one of the most **wonderful, honest, and accomplished** human beings I've ever known. May we all be as **committed and kind** as Kent Friel." Greg Landsman

Kent Friel is the quintessential Cincinnati member. He believes deeply in a Cincinnati where **we take care of everyone**, and where we assure education and **opportunity for our city's children**. What's more, he is **committed to action** in

support of these believes. If there's an education issue on the ballot, don't be surprised if you see a man on the street with a sign urging your support – and, lo and behold, that man looks a lot like Kent Friel. It is Kent Friel. In the chambers of power and on the city streets on any given Election Day, education has a **relentless advocate** in Kent Friel. The rest of us watch in awe and think, 'Wow' – and then we try to follow his example. Mark Neikirk

Kent was advised many years ago that he should spend his volunteer time in a pursuit other than education because improving it is so slow and almost impossible to achieve. Over several decades he certainly has proven that admonition to be incorrect. John Young

Kent has been a role model for me since the moment I met him. When he introduced himself and the Education Panel at a Cincinnati orientation meeting, I was immediately drawn to him. For years, he has devoted hours and hours every week to important causes because of his **passion for education** and the well-being of our region. **I've never seen any evidence that he contributes his time and talent for public attention.** In fact, despite his **influential behind-the-scenes leadership**, I don't recall ever seeing his name in a newspaper or other media outlet. **His motivation is always because he knows his effort results in a better community – with more opportunities for children to thrive.** Elliot Grossman

Leadership.

Generous with time and helping others.

Volunteer.

Dedicated.

Warm.

Friendly.

Positive.

Tara Robinson