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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB 257

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Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools supports the passage of SB 257.

Some of you may recall that I have testified a number of times over the years in opposition to a variety of bills which would expand LOB authority. District 500 continues to have serious reservations regarding LOB expansion. As recently as February 16th, I testified in opposition to HB 2718 which would expand taxing authority for a local activities budget. Our opposition is grounded in the reality that increased local taxing authority will result in disparities in educational opportunities based on the wealth of the local USD.

Our district supports SB 257, however, because we don't consider this an expansion of the LOB. We believe SB 257 maintains current authority and recognizes that some districts' LOB state aid will be reduced next year without the passage of this legislation. We feel SB 257 is technical in nature and potentially helpful to a number of districts.

For these reasons Kansas City Public Schools supports the passage of SB 257.

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