

HOUSE BILL No. 2233 Proponent Testimony

February 18, 2019

Provided By Representative Helmer

Attachment: A- Sample Teacher Salary per Capita Schedule 20-18-2019

B – Per Capita Personal Income (KSB)

Thank you Chairman Huebert and members of the Committee for the opportunity to introduce HB2233 requiring school districts to provide a stipend for teachers to purchase classroom supplies.

As a School Counselor I know that teachers are held responsible for having their rooms adorned with educational stimulus which both decorates and fulfills the needs to make a classroom a warm and safe learning home during the day. Teachers are also held responsible for keeping hallway bulletin boards decorated and changed frequently. Teachers buy books to read to stimulate story time: balls, games, puzzles, for indoor recess.

With the "social, emotional stimulus" being part of the curriculum teachers are also to have a "calm down spot" in their room for emotional outbursts or anxiety of the students. The teachers are usually given a few small fidgets which are soon destroyed and then the teacher has no choice but to begin re-building the calm down spot to meet the needs of the child(ren) who is now accustomed to using the area on a daily basis. Many times this calm down spot is in place of the teacher having an aid for behavioral problems in the room. This leads to the teacher spending additional money on rugs, pillows, stuffed animals, fidgets, games, etc.

Teachers are that person who knows the child doesn't have furniture, beds, sheets, blankets, soap, the heat turned on for heat and hot water and food in the cabinets. That is the teacher who tapes the shoes and then buys a pair of shoes, not only for that child but for all the children in the family and usually a pair of jeans and a bag of groceries.

This expense is in addition to the monies every teacher spends to teach every year. I have known teachers to spend an average of \$800 to \$3600. There was a \$600 tax deduction (before the windfall?) but why do teachers have to spend their own money to educate our children? Teachers struggle on their salary. We are losing teachers because of behavior, societal problems, student debt, and better job opportunities. Let's take this burden away from them.

34,700 Kansas classroom teachers would qualify for this classroom stipend. This would total \$17,350,000 to be taken out of the general fund. Stipend moneys shall only be expended for classroom supplies.

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Figure 5: Per Capita Personal Income - Adjusted for State Cost of Living

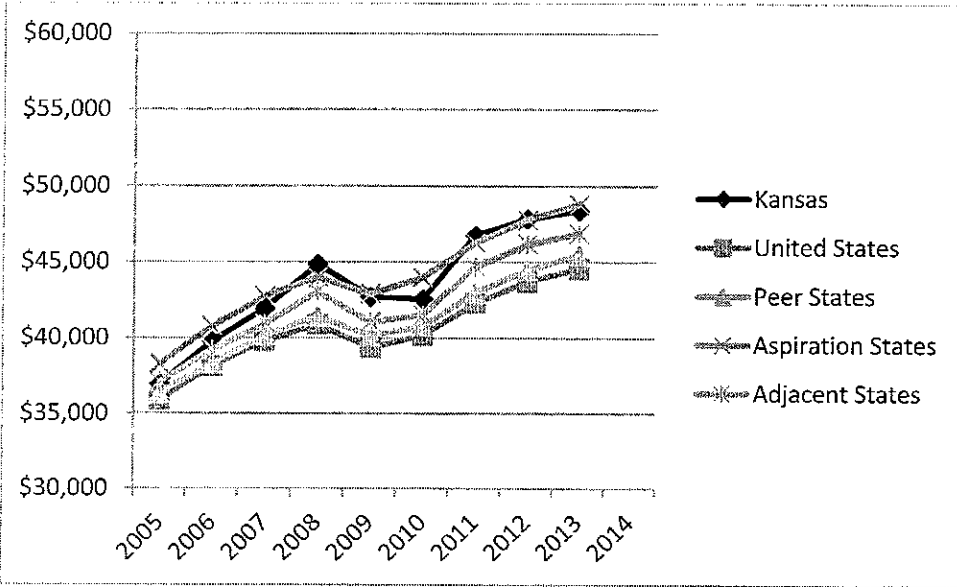
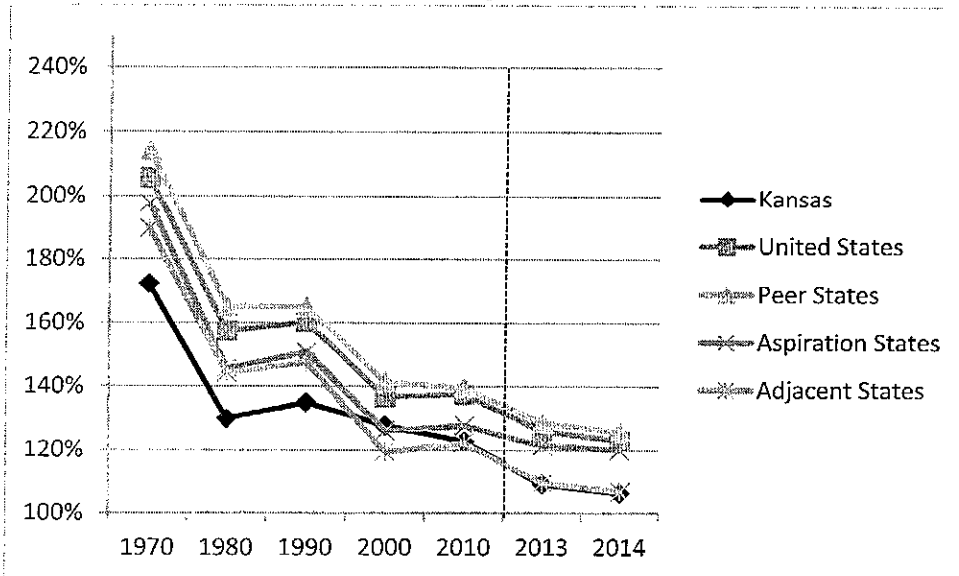


Figure 6: Teacher Salary vs. Per Capita Income



2018-19 Salary Schedule
Topeka Public Schools, USD 501

Credited Years	STEP	BS	BS+10	BS+20	BS+30	MA	MA+15	SPEC MA+30	SPEC+15 MA+45	DOC
0	A	41,500	42,500	43,700	44,900	46,900	48,300	49,700	51,100	53,100
1	B	42,000	43,000	44,200	45,400	47,400	48,800	50,200	51,600	53,600
2	C	42,500	43,500	44,700	45,900	47,900	49,300	50,700	52,100	54,100
3	D	43,000	44,000	45,200	46,400	48,400	49,800	51,200	52,600	54,600
4	E	43,500	44,500	45,700	46,900	48,900	50,300	51,700	53,100	55,100
5	F	44,000	45,000	46,200	47,400	49,400	50,800	52,200	53,600	55,600
6	G	44,500	45,500	46,700	47,900	49,900	51,300	52,700	54,100	56,100
7	H	45,000	46,000	47,200	48,400	50,400	51,800	53,200	54,600	56,600
8	I	45,500	46,500	47,700	48,900	50,900	52,300	53,700	55,100	57,100
9	J	46,000	47,000	48,200	49,400	51,400	52,800	54,200	55,600	57,600
10	K	46,500	47,500	48,700	49,900	51,900	53,300	54,700	56,100	58,100
11	L		48,000	49,200	50,400	52,400	53,800	55,200	56,600	58,600
12	M		48,500	49,700	50,900	52,900	54,300	55,700	57,100	59,100
13	N		49,000	50,200	51,400	53,400	54,800	56,200	57,600	59,600
14	O			50,700	51,900	53,900	55,300	56,700	58,100	60,100
15	P			51,200	52,400	54,400	55,800	57,200	58,600	60,600
16	Q			51,700	52,900	54,900	56,300	57,700	59,100	61,100
17	R				53,400	55,400	56,800	58,200	59,600	61,600
18	S				53,900	55,900	57,300	58,700	60,100	62,100
19	T				54,400	56,400	57,800	59,200	60,600	62,600
20	U				54,900	56,900	58,300	59,700	61,100	63,100
21	V				55,400	57,400	58,800	60,200	61,600	63,600
22	W				55,900	57,900	59,300	60,700	62,100	64,100
23	X					58,400	59,800	61,200	62,600	64,600
24	Y					58,900	60,300	61,700	63,100	65,100
25+	Z					59,400	60,800	62,200	63,600	65,600
	OFF	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000