

Written Testimony offered before the

Senate Education Committee

on

SB 271 High-Density At-Risk Funding

by

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Chair, Vice-Chair, Members of the Committee:

USD 470, Arkansas City Schools, comes before the Senate Committee in support of Senate Bill 271, pursuant to the Kansas school equity and enhancement act; extending the high-density at-risk weighting; amending K.S.A. 72-5151.

On the following page are the at-risk and high-density at-risk expenditures for USD 470 in FY 2019. These demonstrate the profound need for our district to have such resources to address the learning needs of children served under the equity provision considered by the Senate Committee.

With well over 50% of our students qualified under at-risk, the supplemental needs addressed by high-density at-risk resources are of great importance. We recommend the Committee consider passage of SB 271 for high-density at-risk funding resources and revenue.

USD 470 At-Risk and High-Density At-Risk
Expenditures for FY 2019

USD 470-ARKANSAS CITY 2018-2019 AT RISK FUNDS CERTIFIED STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS	AT RISK EXPENDITURES	HIGH DENSITY AT RISK EXPENDITURES
SOCIAL WORKERS (6)	\$302,060.00	\$65,086.00
ACADEMIC COACHES (8)	\$395,623.00	\$86,844.00
1/2 SALARY OF KINDERGARDEN TEACHERS (11)	\$282,121.00	\$61,929.00
ESOL TEACHER AT HS IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION TEACHERS AT HS	\$51,162.00	\$11,231.00
TEACHERS--PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS SALARY--35% HS, 38% MS, 23% C4 (ALL NON TITLE I SCHOOLS). Did not include HS teachers paid with Voc Ed funds.	\$19,441.00	\$4,268.00
EXTENDED CONTRACTS	\$972,101.00	\$213,388.00
AFTER SCHOOL SALARIES	\$68,828.00	\$15,108.00
SUMMER SCHOOL	\$29,662.00	\$6,511.00
	\$35,906.00	\$7,882.00
CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS		
ESOL PARAS, CLASSROOM PARAS AT ALL SCHOOLS	\$822,839.00	\$180,623.00
AFTER SCHOOL AIDES	\$3,955.00	\$868.00
SUMMER SCHOOL AIDES	\$9,105.00	\$1,999.00
TEACHING SUPPLIES		
NWEA, CREDIT RECOVERY LICENSES (ODYSSEY WARE), ESOL (ELLEVATION), ACADEMIC COACH SWIVL PROGRAM & IPADS, PROJECT LEAD THE WAY	\$54,263.00	\$11,912.00
OTHER		
TRANSLATOR	\$22.00	
TRANSPORTATION		
BUS DRIVER SALARY FOR AFTER SCHOOL & BENEFITS	\$31,264.00	
TOTAL	\$3,078,352.00	\$667,649.00