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Subject: Special Committee on Education Follow-up Information

Attached is follow-up information from KLRD staff and Legislative Post Audit addressing questions from the Special Committee on Education on November 30. The State Board of Education also submitted follow-up information, which was provided to the Committee yesterday (December 1).

The attachments include the:

- LPA Memo;
- Current Operating Expenditures data for 2011-2012 and 2020-2021, along with the definitions of instruction and support services expenditures;
- At-Risk Weighting table from 1992-2020; and
- Total Expenditures for school years 2009 to 2021.

Further detail on the KLRD attachments and links to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) information are detailed below under the questions being addressed.

(All Committee members are blind copied.)

1. Funding directed towards students and student services.

I have attached the current operating expenditures reports for the 2011-2012 and 2020-2021 school years and the definitions of the different funds according to the U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Education Statistics. Instruction expenditures are generally those that relate to activities that have students interacting with teachers.

This reflects, to an extent, the funding that is directed to instruction activities. However, both instruction and support services expenditures may include classroom or non-classroom staff salaries. It may be that non-classroom staff includes those staff involved directly with students outside the classroom, such as guidance counselors, social workers, audiologists, etc.

2. At-risk weighting

Attached is the at-risk weighting table for school years 1992-1993 through 2019-2020. The weighting for school years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 is 0.484, which is the same as the prior three years.

3. Funding from 2009

Attached is a table similar to the one submitted in the KLRD School Finance and Assessment Data packet. It includes the FTE, state aid, local revenue, federal aid, and total expenditures for school years 2009 to 2021. I have also included the April to April CPI-U for the Midwest Region and percent changes for 2010 through 2021. April to April CPI-U is included because that is the CPI-U used by KSDE when creating the artificial base for the Local Option Budget.

4. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on Accreditation/Assessment

There was a question about ESSA guidance related to accreditation. Below is the link for the Kansas ESSA plan and ESSA Fact Sheet:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-ESSA>

Additional information on ESSA can be found at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the following locations:

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/standards-and-assessments/>

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/the-elementary-secondary-education-act-the-every-student-succeeds-act-of-2016/>.

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