

# 2020 Legislative Positions

## PRIORITY LEVEL POSITIONS

### **Enhancements to a School Finance System That Allows for Excellence**

The current school finance system should be modified to achieve the following:

- fund the excess cost of special education to the 92 percent statutory limit; and
- broaden the definition of at-risk to include not only poverty factors, but other indicators such as ELL, student academic performance data, attendance data and homelessness.

### **Local Control of Education Systems**

The Blue Valley School District supports changes in state statutes that will allow greater decision making ability on the part of local Boards of Education to efficiently and effectively operate their education systems. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: opposing limits placed on a local school board in determining local bonding capacity and authority; and opposing legislative efforts to force school district employees into a state healthcare plan.



## **Academic Rigor and Local Curriculum Decisions**

The Blue Valley School District supports rigorous state standards, even those above the Rose Standards, of student achievement. In addition, a local school board should retain the responsibility to select the curriculum to meet the state standards of student achievement.

## **Ability for Judicial Review of State School Finance Provision**

The Blue Valley School District opposes any constitutional amendment that limits or eliminates a local school board's right to bring about a judicial review of state school finance provision.

## **Student Health**

The Blue Valley School District urges expanded support for community-based behavioral and mental health initiatives. Further, the Blue Valley School District supports measures aimed at eliminating the possession, distribution and use of vaping products among school-aged students.

## **State Tax Policy for Education Funding**

The Blue Valley School District supports a balanced and equitable tax policy to fund public education and opposes policies that allow for the shifting of the tax burden to the residential base as a result of commercial properties not being assessed to their highest and best use.

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