

Blue Valley Schools

Legislative Update
March 6, 2023


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Legislative Calendar

- **February 1, 2023**
 - Johnson County Delegation Lunch in Topeka with 6 JoCo Schools
- **February 24, 2023**
 - **Last day for non-exempt bills in house of origin.**
- **March 23, 2023**
 - Last day for non-exempt bills in either chamber.
- **April 6, 2023**
 - Final conference committee reports. Legislature adjourns.
- **April 7-25, 2023**
 - Legislative break.
- **April 26, 2023**
 - Veto Session Begins



BOE Adopted Priority Positions

- Fund Special Education at Statutory Amounts
 - Apply At-Risk Funding to Defined Student Measures
 - Increase or Modify Cost of Living Authority (COLA)
 - Enhance Student Mental Health
 - Eliminate Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private School
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School Finance Budget


Senate

- Senate Education Committee removed a number of K-12 budget enhancements recommended by the Governor. The Senate Ways and Means Committee affirmed those deletions in its KSDE budget report.
 - \$1.9 million for the Professional Development Program
 - \$3.0 million to add 15-25 school districts for the Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot
 - \$1.0 million for the Mentor Teacher Program
 - \$1.0 million for the Safe and Secure School Grants Program to increase communication between schools and law enforcement
- Special Education Funding enhancement referred for Omnibus consideration
- Recommended all current funding plus the cost of living adjustment Base Aid increase required by the *Gannon* court settlement



School Finance Budget

House

- The House K-12 Education Budget Committee is set to make its KSDE funding recommendations this week.
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Bills Related to BV Priority Positions

- [HB 2048](#) – Providing additional student eligibility under the tax credit for low-income student scholarship program and increasing the amount of the tax credit for contributions made pursuant to such program.
Status: H-K12 Budget hearing on 1/25
BV Submitted Written Testimony Against
Blessed for further action
- [HB 2060](#) – Establishing the special education and related services funding task force.
Status: H-K12 Budget Hearing on 1/24
Passed Favorably out of Committee on 2/1
Currently in Senate Education

Bills Related to BV Priority Positions

- [HB2218](#) - Establishing savings accounts for any student eligible to attend a public school in Kansas equal to the BSAPP each year to be used at private or home schools.
Status: H-K12 Budget hearing on 2/6
Passed out as amended/Blessed for further action
BV Submitted Written Testimony Against
- [SB 83](#) – Providing additional student eligibility under the tax credit for low-income students scholarship program and increasing the amount of the tax credit for contributions made pursuant to such program.
Status: S-Education hearing on 2/7 and currently in H K-12 Education
BV Submitted Written Testimony Against
Passed as amended

Bills Related to BV Priority Positions

- [HB 2271](#) – Authorizing any nonresident student whose parent or guardian is employed by a school district to enroll in and attend such school district. Amended to include the parent bill of rights.
Status: H-K12 Education Budget passed out as amended 2/15; blessed for further action
- [SB 66](#) – Enacting the interstate teacher mobility compact to recognize equivalent teacher licenses across member states.
Status: Senate passed [35-4](#); H-Education

Last Session - CCR HB 2567

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Sec. 16. On and after July 1, 2023, K.S.A. 72-3123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-3123. (a) Beginning in school year **2024-2025**, any child of school age pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3118, and amendments thereto, may attend a school operated by a school district where such child does not reside if such school district has open seats as determined pursuant to this section.

- On or before May 1 of each year, each school board shall determine for each grade level in each building of the district for the next school year the capacity, number expected and openings.
- On or before June 1 of each year, each school district shall publish on the school district website the number of open seats available to non residents in each grade for each building.
- From June 1-30, each school district shall accept applications form nonresident students.
- If the number of nonresident applicants is greater than the number of available seats in any grade or school the district shall use a confidential lottery process to select students. This process must be complete by July 15.

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