

Oral Testimony before the
Senate Education Committee

On
SB 49

Requiring that each attendance center needs assessment be conducted by the local board of education and include input from board members, teachers, site council, and school administrators.

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Chair Erickson and members of the Senate Education committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present opposition testimony on SB 49. USA Kansas appears opposed on this legislation.

- United School Administrators of Kansas' stand is opposition of this bill. Kansas is a local control state and nearly all the provisions in this legislation deals with local control and is already in statute. The school districts I am familiar with already comply with the items listed in the legislation.
- We acknowledge the building needs assessment is an important piece of school improvement, and that expenditures should be reflective on the outcome of the needs assessment.
- We believe that local boards make sound decisions to assess student needs and budget for increased student achievement without the interference of the measures in SB 49.
- We encourage committee members and all Kansas legislators to check with their local public schools to learn how they budget to identify where additional resources may need to go to ensure student success in academics, careers, and in life overall.
- As stated above, Kansas is a local control state, we believe that solutions for student success are most effective when they begin at the local level rather than a top-down mandate as listed in SB 49. For these reasons United School Administrators of Kansas respectfully request that you not pass SB 49 out of committee.