

SB 75: What are Our Values and Priorities in the State of Kansas?

We've seen leadership expressing concerns about the 2029 ending balance after our much needed 2024 tax cuts, taking the reins of the budgeting process to reduce spending and even creating a committee on Government Efficiency, of which Senator Erickson is Chair.

Every policy we consider this session must be viewed through this lens.

In House K-12 Budget committee, we considered and passed out our budget recommendation for the Kansas School for the Blind. They asked for \$41,738 in lapsed funding for a Dodge City summer programming for visually impaired children. Committee...**we said NO, to blind children.**

The "profit" that ONE family with six children at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City would make on SB 75, \$43,527, would fund this program for the Kansas State School of the Blind. While tuition is capped at \$4,473 per family, this family would receive a \$48,000 tax credit. Please note, that "profit" would also equal 65% of Dodge City's median household income.

dodgecitycathedral.com/tuition-admission/tuition-a-fees

Tuition per Academic Year

ACTIVE CATHOLIC STEWARD TUITION FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Each family is asked to fill out a tuition form and complete a page that shares their Stewardship at the school and parish.

*Stewardship Families - Families must participate in the Stewardship Renewal each November and have an envelope history at their Catholic parish showing record of regular Mass attendance through their contribution envelopes. Contact your parish for envelopes. Stewardship Families must affirm this participation on their enrollment forms each year. SHCCS will review Mass attendance (from envelope or online giving use only) throughout the school year. If a family receiving tuition assistance is not in compliance, the assistance will be withdrawn on a pro-rated basis. Any family may decline tuition assistance at any time and does so by not meeting the requirements.

Catholic Rate: First Child- \$2,535.75

Second Child- \$1,937.25

Three or more children-no cost

*Maximum Tuition per Family: \$4,473

SB 75 Tax Credit per Child: \$8,000

3 children= \$24,000

4 children=\$32,000

5 children=\$40,000

6 children=\$48,000

Dodge City median household
income=\$66,932



BUDGET ANALYSIS

FIG. 4 SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2025

	Agency			Legislative Budget Committee		
	SGF	All Funds	FTE	SGF	All Funds	FTE
Approved, FY 2025	\$ 8,321,434	\$ 14,925,260	89.5	\$ 8,321,434	\$ 14,925,260	89.5
2024 SB 28 & HB 2551	8,321,434	14,925,260	89.5	8,321,434	14,925,260	89.5
1. SGF Reappropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Requests	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	-
2. Reappropriation Request	41,738	41,738	-	-	-	-
Other Changes	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	-
3. All Other Adjustments	-	(798,535)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 8,363,172	\$ 14,168,463	89.5	\$ 8,321,434	\$ 14,925,260	89.5

1. SGF REAPPROPRIATION

The agency did not have any SGF funds reappropriated from FY 2024 into FY 2025.

2. REAPPROPRIATION REQUEST

The 2023 Legislature appropriate \$300,000 SGF to enhance the school's Extended School Year for the summer of 2024. The agency reports they were unable to secure a location in Dodge City in the time span between the receipt of funds and when the program started and, as a result, the funding lapsed. Therefore, the agency is submitting a supplemental request to add the amount that was lapsed in FY 2024 to their FY 2025 request with plans to secure a site for June of 2025. Furthermore, the agency requests reappropriation language be added for this fund in future appropriations bills.

- **Agency:** Add \$41,738 SGF for the Extended School Year programs in FY 2025 to recover funds that lapsed in FY 2024 for the same amount and purpose and add reappropriation language for the 1000-0400 Extended School Year Program SGF account.

What would SB75 do for Prince of Peace Catholic School in VChair Thomas's District?

→ <https://www.poplathe.org/fiscal-year-report-october-13-2024>



PARISH INFO GET INVOLVED SACRAMENTS RESOURCES FAITH FORMATI

Fiscal Year Report - October 13, 2024

Hello, POP faithful. In this bulletin you will find our parish annual financial report. Our fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30 each year. I thought I'd add some of my commentary to the numbers.

First, there is so much for which to be grateful. Our offertory for the last year was about \$2.5M. Thank you so much for your generosity. This really reflects your love of God, the Catholic faith, and Prince of Peace. Our offertory also increased about 3% this past year, thank you!!!

Also much gratitude to our school parents paying school tuition in total about \$2.5M. Thank you! This truly reflects your love of the faith and desire to pass that on to your children! We have almost 500 students and an excellent school faculty and staff. Schools are rather expensive to run, so I also want to note that besides tuition funding, the parish funds (subsidizes) our school (from offertory) about \$1M and the rest is fundraised by the school gala. The school therefore is by far the largest ministry of the parish.

Prince of Peace Parent handbook 23-24 with tuition for websit...
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Transfer Students: All transfer students will be on probation at least one semester. Transferring students must maintain passing grades (C average) and avoid repeated or serious violations of school/class rules to continue under regular student status.

Tuition Rates for Contributing and Active Parishioners 2023-2024

½ Day Kindergarten:	\$4,450
1 Child:	\$4,980
2 Children:	\$8,090
3 or more Children	\$10,250

Non-contributing or non-active parishioners, as determined by the parish, will be assessed the Out of Parish Tuition rate.

Out of Parish Tuition: 1 Child: \$7,300

School tuition or other school fundraisers are not considered contributions to the parish. Your parish contributions, through use of Sunday envelopes or We Share electronic payments, are essential to maintain the important responsibilities of our Church shared with the entire faith community of Prince of Peace.

Amendment Privilege

The Prince of Peace principal has the right to amend the school policies. The school principal may seek input from the School Council.

See for yourself, links to these two web pages:



Under SB 75, Prince of Peace Catholic School families would receive MORE from State General Funds than the \$2.5M paid in tuition in the 23-24 school year and MORE than the church collected in offertory for the fiscal year.

A family with three children in this school would pay \$10,250 in tuition and receive \$24,000 in refundable tax credits, a "profit" of \$13,750 for sending their children to private school. As every family's credit would be more than 23-24 tuition, it's possible that they would collect enough SGF to offset the \$1M "subsidy" from parish funds.

A family with 5 children in this school would pay \$10,250 in tuition and receive \$40,000 in refundable tax credits, a "profit" of \$29,750 for sending their children to private school.

Prince of Peace Catholic School:
16000 W. 143rd Street
Olathe, KS 66062

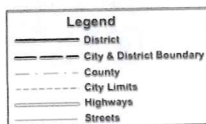
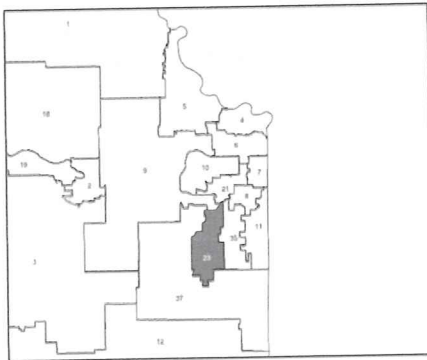
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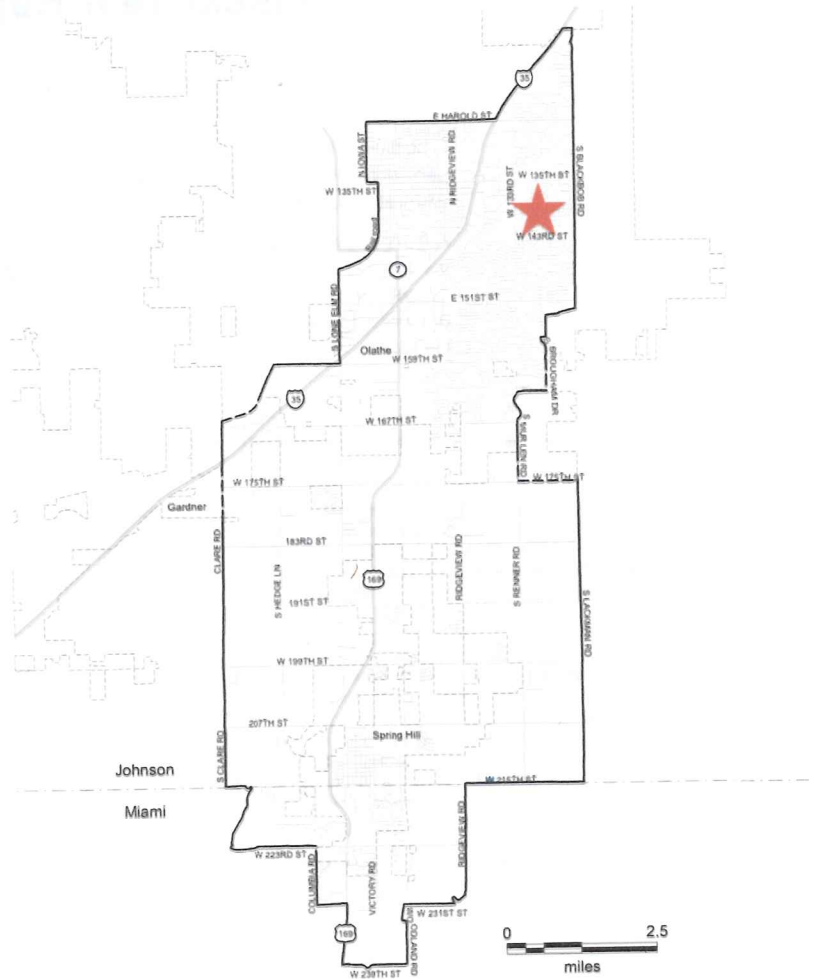
Cities: Gardner(part), Olathe(part) and Spring Hill
Townships: Olathe(part) and Spring Hill

Miami County:

City: Spring Hill
Townships: Marysville(part)



2022 Legislative District Profiles, Kansas Legislative Research Department



https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/s/pdf/district_maps/district_map_s_023.pdf

Vouchers are **WRONG** for Kansas

Voters say NO to vouchers every time they are on the ballot, in red and blue states:

In Kentucky, 65% voted for Trump/ 65% voted NO on vouchers.

Colorado voted NO on constitutional amendment for school choice.

Nebraska voters repealed the 2023 tax credit scholarship program.



Private schools raise their tuition after vouchers, 58% at Dubuque, IA school.



We are shorting our Special Education Funding by more than the cap on SB 75, so allowing families that send their children to private school to profit, while shortchanging our most vulnerable students? NO.

IDD Waitlist is still thousands long, but SB 75 allows private school families to profit. NO.

Please consider what a family in Dodge City earning the median \$66K per year, with their children in public schools would think of their neighbor draining their hard earned tax dollars, that could instead fund a program for blind children in their community, using their tax dollars to replace \$1M in offertory subsidization of a private school in Olathe, or using their tax dollars for multimillionaires in my district (median income: \$174,779) to send their kids to Pembroke Hill School in Missouri.

Committee, there isn't one shred of fiscal responsibility, government efficiency, or even common sense Kansas values reflected in this bill and no amount of amending will fix that. I urge the committee to let SB75 die a biennial death in Senate Education. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mari-Lynn Poskin

Representative Kansas House 20

