

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 228 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 228 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, all school districts must levy a general fund tax of 20 mills on the district's assessed valuation. In the application of the uniform property tax levy, \$20,000 of the appraised valuation of residential property is excluded. SB 228 reauthorizes the school district property tax mill levy for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. The bill also extends the deadline for repeal of the \$20,000 residential property tax exemption to the end of tax year 2012.

The Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Education assume continuation of both the uniform 20-mill property tax levy and \$20,000 residential property tax exemption for school finance purposes. If the law is not extended, local effort for support of school districts would decrease statewide by an estimated \$562.0 million in FY 2012, requiring additional State General Fund monies to make up the difference.

Sincerely,



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