

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:35 p.m. on January 28, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Hensley (excused)

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statues
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Education

Others attending: See attached list

No Child Left Behind

Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association, shared his perspective on the No Child Left Behind Act. They have attended three national NEA meetings on the topic, as well as other meetings in Chicago and Washington DC. They have presented the program in many school districts and to other interested groups. They have provided information on their website, as well as a site where a paraprofessional can learn about and prepare for the paraprofessional assessment. They also send out a monthly update to local leaders. Mark provided several of their news updates on the program, funding information from the federal government, a list of the limited number supplemental services in Kansas and sections of the actual law that he incorporated with his presentation. Mark discussed a number of concerns that have been expressed by school administrators and others across the state. ([Attachment 1](#))

Briefing on Governor's Recommendation for the State Department of Education Budget

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commission, State Department of Education, provided an update on the Governor's budget recommendations for fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and a gave a brief summary of students' achievements and on the challenges being faced by Kansas school districts. Overall, Dale feels Kansas teachers and administrators have done a great job. Kansas has a high rate of high school completion, graduates going on to college and students ranks high on SAT and ACT tests. ([Attachment 2](#))

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 123S.