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TO: Legislative Budget Committee

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SUBJECT: Teach for America

The 2018 Kansas Legislature appropriated \$520,000 for Teach for America. This program works with Kansas universities to prepare more teachers particularly in the areas where shortages exist.

Teach for America primarily consists of individuals who have a bachelor's degree but no teaching license. A program has been established that will assist these individuals in obtaining a teaching license as well as on-the-job mentoring.

State Department of Education staff have met with Teach for America representatives on several occasions to discuss how the program would work in Kansas. In addition, the State Board of Education has met with Teach for America representatives on two occasions to discuss the costs and implementation process of the program.

The current agreement and costs involved between the State Board of Education and Teach for America is as follows.

- Five Teachers – Kansas City, Kansas @ \$36,000 = \$180,000
- One Teach for America National Recruiter – Lawrence area = \$80,000
- One day professional development –Topeka, Brown v. Brown = \$10,000
- TOTAL -- \$270,000

The State Board of Education was hoping that Teach for America would move west particularly to the Wichita and Garden City areas where there is a large teacher shortage.