



Testimony before the

**House Committee on Education**

on

HB2040

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**Committee Chair Thomas and Education Committee Members**

Thank you for allowing USA Kansas and KSSA to provide oral testimony on HB 2040. As written, we stand as a proponent to this bill.

We believe this bill encourages our public schools to take great notice that preschool is an important part of the child's educational journey. By providing funding to this population will allow districts to either fund start up programs or fund the current programs in place. Districts with rapid growth would need these resources within the year to help meet the requirements for a program that would be of high caliber.

Preschool programs focus on teaching basic skills, preparing students for learning at the kindergarten level. One of the more important skills students get is the social and emotional skills. They will need to learn how to get along with other children. Preschool programs provide children with the opportunity to interact with their peers, learn to share and develop communication skills.

Thank you for your consideration