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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 10/02/23 through 10/08/23*

Date: October 2, 2023
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander
 Deputy Commissioner
 Dale Brungardt
 Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	5.33%	5.33%
3 Months	5.44%	5.40%
6 Months	5.47%	5.44%
1 Year	5.44%	5.39%
18 Months	5.26%	5.16%
2 Years	5.07%	4.93%

*Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210
 Maximum length of investment term is two years.*

Payments

- Oct 2..... State Foundation Aid, Supplemental General (LOB),
 Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement), Mental Health (Liaisons)
- Oct 5.....Selected Federal Payments
- Oct 16.....Special Education, KPERS, Mental Health (CMHC)
- Oct 27.....KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF)
- State Aid paymentsRose Ireland (785) 296-4973 rireland@ksde.org
- Federal Aid (Form 240)Sierra Stanley (785) 296-2020 sstanley@ksde.org
- Meal reimbursementJennifer Barger (785) 296-4965 jbarger@ksde.org

State and federal payment amounts for each LEA are available on the School Finance homepage: [Payment Information](#).

Report Due Dates

- Oct 2.....Round 1 [Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grant applications](#) due Oct 2
 ([Link to submit questions](#))
- Oct 2-13.....Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 1st Quarter Expense Reimbursement
 Payment Request [Sierra Stanley](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 2-20.....Request November Federal Funds (**Form 240**) if funds available (open Oct 2-20)
[Sierra Stanley](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 7.....Federal Fiscal File Review (located in KIAS web app) (open Sept 1-Oct 7)
[Christy Weiler](#) (785) 296-1712
- Oct 9-13.....Request for State Foundation Aid for November (all USDs - open Oct 9-13)
[Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
- Oct 10KIDS Collection **ENRL** - (Funding and Enrollment)
 (deadline for submission Oct 10) [KSDE Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-7935
- Oct 10Interlocal Agreements (open Sept 20-Oct 10) [Marcia Ricklefs](#) (785) 296-4209
- Oct 10**PBR** (Principals Building Report) & **SO-66** (Superintendent's Organizational
 Report) (open Sept 19-Oct 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

- Oct 10Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) deadline to submit data in ASQ Online [Stacy Clarke](#) (785) 296-3953
- Oct 20ESSA Building Expenditures (All USDs) [Sara McCullah](#) (785) 296-4972
- Oct 31Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (**DGSR**) (all USDs - open Oct 1-Oct 31) [David Fernkopf](#) (785) 296-8447

KSDE Household Economic Survey 2023-24 – Verification Process

A 3% sample of the KSDE Household Economic Surveys meeting income criteria for free or reduced-price meals as of September 20th must be verified by November 15, 2023. If your district used the KSDE Household Economic Survey to obtain household economic information for State At-Risk funding, remember that a sample of 3% of the Surveys meeting income criteria for free or reduced meals must be verified by November 15, 2023. Note: this verification process is in addition to and separate from the process of verifying 3% of income eligibility forms related to National School Lunch Program Applications. The KSDE Household Economic Survey will not qualify students for free or reduced-price meals but may have been used this school year to assist districts in obtaining household economic information as of September 20 to determine State At-Risk funding. Most often, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools or preschool programs with children not participating in reimbursable meals may have used the KSDE Household Economic Survey to help determine State At-Risk funding.

KSDE has developed a [template](#) that can be used to complete verification of 3% of KSDE Household Economic Surveys by November 15, 2023.

The verification template is posted to the [KSDE Fiscal Auditing](#) webpage under the "What's New..." heading. The template explains each step of the verification process and includes sample letters for districts to use when verifying 3% of KSDE Household Economic Surveys. In the Excel template, open the tabs called "Important Info" and "Verification FAQs" to help you successfully complete verification of your district's KSDE Household Economic Surveys by the November 15th deadline.

If you have questions, please contact the following KSDE staff:

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LCP Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Updated

The Title I program contains a “maintenance of effort” provision requiring districts to continue investing at least 90 percent of what they spent for the previous year in state and local funds for the current year. To assist districts, Title I MOE is computed annually, typically in June, based on actual expenditures as submitted on the prior year’s USD Budget.

All federal expenditures (except Impact Aid) should be excluded from all funds. The calculation for Special Education expenditures was not subtracting Budget Line 68 (ESSER II). As a result of this correction, *all districts are still meeting Maintenance of Effort*.

The updated printout for 2023-2024 LCP MOE can be downloaded from the [Title Services – Local Consolidated Plan \(LCP\) website](#), which will reflect the correction in the calculated Special Education Expenditures and Total Expenditures for 2021-2022 actuals. You will only see a difference if your district reported 4605-ESSER II federal aid in the Code 30 Special Education Fund for 2021-2022 actuals (not applicable for 2020-2021). *This printout is informational only and does not require any action.*

Note: When printing, be sure to specify the only pages applicable for your district.

Announcing the 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program!

EPA is announcing the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebate Program](#)! This is the second rebate funding opportunity through the multi-year funding program. Under the 2023 Rebate Program, EPA anticipates awarding at least **\$500 million** in rebate funding with the potential to modify this figure based on the application pool and other factors.

Eligible applicants can apply to receive funding for the purchase of up to 25 zero-emission (ZE) and/or clean school buses, along with ZE charging infrastructure and eligible workforce development costs. Selectees may be eligible for Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax credits applicable to their bus and infrastructure purchases. For example, the [Clean Vehicle tax credits](#) for qualifying school buses are worth up to \$40,000.

EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, rural areas, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and public school districts receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land. In addition, EPA is committed to ensuring the CSB Program delivers on the Biden-Harris Administration’s Justice40 Initiative that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

Applicants must submit all application materials by:
January 31st, 2024, at 3:00PM CST

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