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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 4/05/21 through 4/11/21*

Date: April 5, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander,
 Deputy Commissioner
 Veryl D. Peter, Interim
 Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.07%	0.07%
3 Months	0.01%	0.01%
6 Months	0.02%	0.01%
1 Year	0.07%	0.06%
18 Months	0.12%	0.10%
2 Years	0.17%	0.13%

April payments

April 8..... Federal Aid payment (if requested)
 April 15 Special Education, KPERS, Mental Health (Team Pilot)

Payment amounts for each district/LEA will be posted near the date of deposit:
[Payment Information](#)

State Aid Payments: [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

Federal Aid Payments/Form 240: [Nicole Norwood](#) (785) 296-2020

Refer to **Form 240** (Federal Aid Payment request form) for a list of federal program funds. To receive a May federal aid payment, submit Form 240 no later than April 20. The Federal Cash Management Act requires that these funds must be spent by the end of the month in which they are received. *LEAs cannot carry over federal funds to the following month.*

School Nutrition Payments: [Jennifer Barger](#) (785) 296-4965

Report Due Dates

April 1-13.... Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 3rd Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Nicole Norwood](#) (785) 296-2020
 April 1-20.... Request May Federal Funds (form 240) *if funds available*(open April 1-20) [Nicole Norwood](#) (785) 296-2020
 April 5-30.... National Board Certified Teacher Incentive Bonus (open April 5-30) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973 (instructions sent April 5) [Application](#)
 April 12..... Unencumbered Cash Balances on April 1 (all USDs - open Mar 31-April 12) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973
 April 15..... Medicaid Replacement state aid and ensure all eligible claims for March 1 are processed School Finance (785) 296-3872
 April 15..... CTE Pathways Student Data Follow Up (open Feb 1- April 15) [Pathways Helpdesk](#) (785) 296-4908
 April 20..... Special Education Transportation Claim Form (Form 308) (open April 20-May 10) [Rose Ireland](#) (785) 296-4973

- April 30..... Special Education Catastrophic State Aid Application (current year) and NPE Contracts data is finalized [Mason Vosburgh](#) (785) 296-4945
- April 30Mentor Programs – Application to re-validate mentors/mentees for payment request (open Mar 22 – April 30) [Shane Carter](#) (785) 296-8011

Submit Cash Balance Report by April 12

All school districts are required to complete the April 1 Unencumbered Cash Balances report and submit no later than Monday, **April 12**.

This web application is now open at the following link:

<https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>.

On the login screen, enter your **user name** and **password**.

- Click on **LEA Forms**
- Click on **Unencumbered Cash Balance-April 1**
- Click on **Create New Report for 2021**

If you have questions completing the report, please contact:

- Rose Ireland rireland@ksde.org (785) 296-4973
- Sara Barnes sbarnes@ksde.org (785) 296-4972

Review of Crisis Plan / Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)

It's that time of year to rethink Crisis Plans and Drills (Examples: Active Assailant, Severe Weather, Power Outages, Earthquakes, Snow Storms and Pandemics.) Do you have a high-quality Crisis Plan/Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for those crisis drills that will help answer the Who, What, When, and How? Rules and regulations: [K.S.A. 31-133](#).

If you will be updating your crisis plan but not sure where to begin, please contact us at the **KSDE Safe and Secure Schools Unit**. We will be more than happy to guide you through the process. We will help with specific plans for your district, share best practices, and even help you with a tabletop exercise which counts as one of your three Crisis Drills for the school year.



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Remember the planning you do today will help save lives tomorrow!

Visit the Kansas Safe Schools homepage for more information:

<https://www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools>

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National Stop Arm Violation Count – April 14

While school buses remain incredibly safe, we all know students that ride buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus, in the “danger zone.” Kansas is assisting the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a national survey to determine the prevalence of illegal passing of school buses. That data will help improve safety countermeasures at the state and national level.

We are enlisting your assistance in this important project. On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, please have your district's school bus operators observe and report all instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses.

Please ensure your drivers only report illegal passes (passes occurring while the school bus is stopped with red warning lights flashing and stop arm(s) deployed).

As always, their primary duty is the safety of the students. If your drivers should have questions about what qualifies as a violation, please refer to our examples in our information and examples document.

As has been past practice, each district, or company, will enter data compiled from their collection method directly into our survey. **Survey link:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7LKF99Y>



Please enter your district or company results no later than April 23, 2021.

Driver Report Form (optional) is provided to assist in compiling your district's numbers:
<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Illegal%20Passing%20Survey/worksheet%20for%20violations.pdf>

Stop Arm Violation Survey Information & Examples:
<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Illegal%20Passing%20Survey/Stop%20Arm%20Violation%20Survey%20Examples%202021.pdf?ver=2021-03-09-141058-230>

EXCEL Spread Sheet for district or company use (optional) is located on our website:
<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Bus-Safety/School-Bus-Safety-Illegal-Passing-Information>

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.

[Keith Dreiling](#) | KSDE School Bus Safety Unit | Phone: 785-296-4567 | Fax: 785-296-6659

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Single Audit (A-133) due date extended for 2019-20 CPA Audits

Districts that received COVID-19 funding and who are required to electronically file a Single Audit report (A-133) have an extension of up to three (3) months beyond their normal due date (new deadline of June 30, 2021).

According to the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the extension is allowed due to the large size of the COVID-19 programs, and also because of the federal government dependency on single audit reports to assist with proper oversight over the funds and finally, in light of the late issuance of audit guidance for the COVID-19 programs.

KSDE encourages districts to contact their CPA if they have concerns or questions in regard to the status of their Single Audit and meeting the submission due date. Refer to the [October 5th interest letter](#) for complete instructions to electronically submit this audit report.

[Laurel Murdie](#) | Fiscal Auditing
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**Please forward this information to your
CPA if they submit your audit report.**

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