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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 10/18/21 through 10/24/21*

Date: October 18, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators
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 Director of School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.08%	0.08%
3 Months	0.03%	0.02%
6 Months	0.04%	0.04%
1 Year	0.09%	0.09%
18 Months	0.25%	0.20%
2 Years	0.37%	0.30%

Report Due Dates

- Oct 20Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open Oct 1-20) [Nicole Norwood](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 31.....Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) [DGSR Webpage](#) all USD buildings – open Oct 1-31 dgsrhelpdesk@ksde.org(785) 296-3444
- Nov 5.....EPA 2021 School Bus Rebate Program (Replace old diesel buses) See KSDE listserv sent Sep 30. Apply by Nov 5. More info: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/rebates> or email DERA@epa.gov

10-digit dialing begins soon in Kansas area codes 785, 620

Kansans that live in area codes 785 or 620 will soon be required to use 10-digit dialing when making local calls. This change will make it easier for people in crisis to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Last July, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved 988 as the new abbreviated number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. As a result, any area code that uses the 988 prefix in telephone numbers is mandated by the FCC to adopt 10-digit dialing. That includes Kansas area codes 785 and 620, which cover the majority of the state. In total, 82 area codes in 36 states will make the change.

Beginning **Oct. 24, 2021**, callers in 785 and 620 area codes must use 10-digit dialing or the call will not go through. The only exceptions are any three-digit abbreviated numbers available in the community, such as 911. Callers will still dial 1 + the area code and telephone number for all long-distance calls.

Beginning **July 16, 2022**, callers can reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 988. Until then, callers will continue to dial 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

More information about the change to 10-digit dialing is available on the KCC's website <https://kcc.ks.gov/> and from telephone providers.

Transportation-related statutes

Headlight Law – share with all students and staff who drive.

[K.S.A. 8-1703](#) states that all vehicles on Kansas highways will drive with headlights:

- from sunset to sunrise;
- due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions on the highway, including smoke or fog;
- when windshield wipers are in continuous use as a result of rain, sleet or snow;
- and motorcycles shall display head and tail lights at all times when operated on any highway.

No texting while driving - [K.S.A. 8-15,111](#) prohibits a person who is operating a motor vehicle on a public road or highway from “texting,” using a wireless communications device to write, send, or read a written communication. This bill defines “wireless communications device” to include any type of device that sends or receives messages, but to exclude voice-operated devices.

School Bus age limit - [K.S.A. Supp. 8-2009a](#) placed a limit on the age of all school buses of 25 years from the date of manufacture of such school bus.

Activity Trips (School & Activity Buses) – K.A.R. 91-38-9(e) requires bus drivers to provide an explanation regarding the location and operation of the emergency exits on the bus prior to each activity trip.

12-15 passenger vans shall not be used to transport students - [K.S.A.72-64,100](#) prohibits the use of 12 -15 passenger vans by public and nonpublic schools for transporting students. If transporting more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver, school districts shall transport such students in a school bus.

Commercial Driver's License holders - diversion agreements not allowed – [K.S.A. 8-2,150](#) prohibits the holder of a CDL from entering into a diversion agreement for any traffic offenses, with the exception of parking violations, regardless of the type of vehicle they are driving when the offense occurred.

Questions about these and other transportation issues: contact the KSDE School Bus Safety unit:

- Keith Dreiling at (785) 296-4567 kdreiling@ksde.org
- Dennis Tate at (785) 296-4545 dtate@ksde.org
- Melissa Ostermeyer at (785) 296-5659 mstermeyer@ksde.org

Visit the School Bus Safety homepage: <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Bus-Safety>

**National School Bus
Safety Week**

October 18-22, 2021

School Transportation Appreciation Day

Wednesday, October 20

Recognizing all School Transportation
Personnel: bus drivers, dispatchers,
monitors, directors, mechanics, etc.

(Proclamation by the Governor shown below)

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, school transportation personnel are responsible for the most precious cargo in Kansas - our children; and

WHEREAS, they perform outstanding service to the families of Kansas who depend on school transportation while traveling to and from school and school activities; and

WHEREAS, their dedication and commitment to sharing their knowledge and expertise about school transportation safety are unequalled; and

WHEREAS, they realize the responsibility they assume each time they sit in the driver's seat of a school vehicle; and

WHEREAS, their dedication has made school transportation the safest means of mass transportation in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are 4,366 school buses in Kansas that transport 188,848 students over 23 million miles a year; and

WHEREAS, school transportation employees meet the required safety courses each year, have an outstanding driving record, a good sense of humor and bottomless patience; and

WHEREAS, education begins and ends with school transportation, and that our transportation personnel ensure students have a good start on the day, they dry tears, dispel fears, find lost notebooks and most faithfully deliver students safely to their destinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 20th, 2021 as

School Transportation Appreciation Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 20th day of
October, A.D. 2021



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Sub

Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State

Great Ideas in Education Conference: Unfinished Learning

32nd Annual KSDE Conference – November 15-18

Great Ideas in Education Conference: Unfinished Learning will be presented virtually on November 15, 16, 17 and 18. Our focus on providing innovative ideas for addressing unfinished learning in addition to furthering the goals of the State Board of Education.

The **VIRTUAL** conference will feature keynote speakers each day of the conference, including Commissioner [Dr. Randy Watson](#), [Jon Gordon](#), [Ed O'Malley](#) and [Tara Brown](#). It will also feature 40 breakout sessions that will focus on the following topics:

- Early Learning Opportunities
- School Redesign: Creating a Culture of Learning
- KESA: A System of Improvement
- Navigating Standards and Competencies
- Whole Community, Whole School, Whole Child
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Fiscal Issues and ESSER Funds (including [SF Hot Topics](#) with Mr. Dennis & Craig)



The [full schedule](#) is now available and attendees will be allowed to select the sessions they want to attend starting November 2 (if registered).

Baker University and Friends University have agreed to offer one credit hour to registered attendees. Check out the [conference website](#) for the most up-to-date info including more information on [college credits](#) and be sure to [register](#) by November 1.

USDs, Coops and Interlocals: Depositing ESSER Funds

For member [school](#) districts, please coordinate your request with the Coop to draw-down ESSER II SPED funds from the Form 240.

To review the ESSER II allocations which includes the breakout for your own and the Coop, open this webpage: [Federal Disaster and Pandemic Relief](#). Look under the headings ESSER II > Allocations > [ESSER II SPED \(Part 1\)](#).

Attn: Unified School Districts

ESSER Grant – Code 07 (Federal Funds) –

- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I (CARES Act) – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II (CRRSA) – Budget Line 68
- Revenue Code 4606 ESSER III (ARP) – Budget Line 70

ESSER SPED – Code 30 (Special Education) –

- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II – Budget Line 68
- **Record the payment to the Coop** on budget expenditure line 255 as Object Code 590 Other

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ESSER SPED – Code 30 (Special Education) –

Coops and Interlocals receiving ESSER Special Education funds by transfer from their member districts will deposit them as:

- Revenue Code 1900 Other Revenue from Local Source – Budget Line 15

A few Interlocals which draw a portion of their ESSER II SPED funds directly will deposit as:

- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II – Budget Line 68

If you have questions, please contact School Finance at (785) 296-3872.

Website Postings – Documents required to be on school website

As a reminder, school districts are required to post a number of documents on their website. A list of those documents can be found on the Online Budget Packet webpage, <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Online-Budget-Packet>. Look for the link titled [Website Postings – Documents required to be on school website](#)