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*INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
 Effective 10/09/23 through 10/15/23*

Date: October 9, 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	5.48%	5.44%
6 Months	5.52%	5.47%
1 Year	5.46%	5.44%
18 Months	5.27%	5.26%
2 Years	5.09%	5.07%

Due to Columbus Day, Interest rates will be updated tomorrow October 10th.

*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 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 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 13Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 1st Quarter Expense Reimbursement Payment Request [Sierra Stanley](#) (785) 296-2020
- Oct 20Request November Federal Funds (**Form 240**) if funds available (open Oct 2-20)
[Sierra Stanley](#) (785) 296-2020
- 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

National School Bus Safety Week

Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operations, school administrators, and other interested parties to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety.

2023 National School Bus safety Week is October 16-20. Start planning NOW to do something within your community. We have several resources available to assist.

For younger students (grades K-4) we have a School Bus Safety PowerPoint available that YOU can plan an assembly and present. All you need to do is download it to your computer. Here is the link to that PowerPoint:

[https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School Bus/Safety-Material/School Bus Safety for Kids.pptx?ver=2021-10-19-093406-000](https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Safety-Material/School%20Bus%20Safety%20for%20Kids.pptx?ver=2021-10-19-093406-000)

For your older students who are getting ready to drive, this PowerPoint is in quiz form but is also open ended where you can include any district specific information that you want to share with students. This PowerPoint is available upon request by emailing Melissa Ostermeyer mostermeyer@ksde.org. Also consider printing and handing out the stop arm pamphlets to your older students and parents. These are available on our website at:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Bus-Safety/School-Bus-Safety-Materials> in addition to other information and safety materials available to assist you with promoting school bus safety.

Finally, here are some helpful tips that can be distributed to everyone in your community:

<https://www.napt.org/files/NSBSW/Bus%20Stop%20Safety%20Tips-2016update.pdf>

School Transportation Appreciation Day, Wednesday, October 18. Don't forget to celebrate those who start and end the school day

Plan a breakfast

Plan a lunch

Have students make thank you cards and distribute to transportation staff

Just do something!

These individuals are an important piece of the education process and are often out-of-sight/out-of-mind. These key personnel safely transport students to/from school thus preparing them for a successful learning day.

Take photos! We want to see how you celebrated. Please send pictures to Melissa Ostermeyer mostermeyer@ksde.org.

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Plan for America's Safe Schools Week - Oct 15-21

Kansas school administrators and staff are entrusted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for approximately 500,000 elementary and secondary school students. America's Safe Schools Week is an opportunity to review or enhance your district's crisis plan. Shown below are five areas we will highlight October 15-21:

October 16: Emergency Operation Plans (EOP)

Lessons learned from school emergencies highlight the importance of preparing school officials and first responders to implement emergency operations plans. By having plans in place to keep students and staff safe, schools play a key role in taking preventative and protective measures to stop an emergency from occurring or reduce the impact of an incident.

Plans should include 5 mission areas: **Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response** and **Recovery** and how to work with and include community partners, such as Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management, in the planning process.

Here at KSDE Safe and Secure School Unit, we are happy to take the time to sit down with administrators at schools to review, enhance or create new plans that support these 5 missions, while identifying and prioritizing those hazards that would be common in that area. Contact information is at the end of this article.

Resource: [REMS TA Center Website \(ed.gov\)](#)

October 17: Mental Health

Suicide is the No. 2 leading cause of death among teenagers in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is important to be mindful of everyone's mental health – especially after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resources: [Kansas School Mental Health Advisory Council \(ksde.org\)](#)
[Bullying Prevention \(ksde.org\)](#)
[Suicide Awareness and Prevention - Training \(ksde.org\)](#)

Review list of all Required Staff and Student Trainings (includes Suicide Prevention):
[Required Staff and Training List](#)

October 18: 9 Drills

Senate Bill 128 mandates the following nine drills be conducted during the school year: four Fire Drills, two Tornado Drills (September and March), and three Crisis Drills. The crisis drills are conducted under the guidance from the Safe and Secure Schools Unit from KSDE. These drills should be conducted with the best trauma informed practices in mind. Link: [Fire Drills Checklist](#)

Resource:

[Kansas State Department of Education > Kansas Safe and Secure Schools > Training > Safety Drills, Exercises and Information \(ksde.org\)](#)

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October 19: Hotline/ SAR [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) partnered to create the reporting tool for schools and community. Kansas School Safety Hotline: (877) 626-8203 contacts the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Resources: [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#) (SAR)
<https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>

October 20: Recovery

Recovery for schools means the capabilities necessary to assist schools affected by an event or emergency in restoring the learning environment

Recovery can never be done alone. Schools must team up with community partners to address the four components essential to recovery: 1) restore educational programming; 2) the physical environment; 3) business operations; and 4) social, emotional and behavioral health.

Recovery is a mission area that we don't always include in our exercise/drills. But when it comes down to it, recovery becomes one of the most important factors when you are trying to get back to normal or close to normal as you can when reopening schools after a major incident.

Resource: [Recovery for Schools and School Districts \(ed.gov\)](#)

Find current guidelines on school drill information, planning resources, posters and more on the [Kansas Safe and Secure Schools](#) homepage:
<https://www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools>

If you have questions or need assistance, please **email** or **call**:
[John Calvert](#) at (785) 296-7056 or
[Jim Green](#) at (785) 296-4946

Displayed below on page 4 is the Kansas Proclamation signed by Governor Laura Kelly observing [America's Safe Schools Week](#).

See something.
Hear something.
Say **SOMETHING!**

Report

Threats of School Violence
1 (877) 626-8203
Kansas School Safety Hotline

Acts of Bullying
1 (800) CHILDREN
Parent and Youth Resource Hotline

Suspicious Activity
<https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>
Suspicious Activity Report (SAR)

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STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism and absenteeism, in our schools; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and generally make school safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, the National School Safety Center, a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education, are focusing public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote innovative answers to these critical issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, October 15-21, 2023, as

America's Safe Schools Week

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 15th day of
October, A.D. 2023



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Scott S. Adcox
Secretary of State
Christy L. Bickel
Assistant Secretary of State

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