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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 3/4/13 through 3/10/13

Date: March 4, 2013
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy Commissioner
Craig Neuenswander, Director
School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.14%	0.16%
3 Months	0.11%	0.11%
6 Months	0.13%	0.13%
1 Year	0.17%	0.18%
18 Months	0.19%	0.21%
2 Years	0.24%	0.26%

Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210

Date to submit request for federal aid extended to 20th of month

Federal aid payments are made monthly upon request of the LEA via online web application Form 240. Effective immediately, we have extended the date to submit the request by five days. Please share this with your staff that makes these requests. Due dates through FY2013 are shown below:

- March 20, 2013 (April payment)
- April 19, 2013 (May payment)
- *May 20, 2013 (June payment)
- June 20, 2013 (July payment)

*If federal funds need to be spent in FY2013, they must be requested no later than May 20 in order to receive them prior to June 30.

Federal payment amounts for each LEA will be posted on the School Finance homepage by the end of the day: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1891>. **Federal aid will direct deposit Thursday, March 7.**

Reminder: Spend federal aid during the same month received

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.*

If you have questions submitting Form 240, contact School Finance, Rose Ireland, at 785-296-2020.

Wealth Neutrality and Disparity

Note: Twenty-five School districts are eligible to receive federal Impact Aid (federal funds for children living on Indian reservations and military installations).

As required by Section 8009 (b)(2)(A) of Public Law 103-382, the Kansas Department of Education is requesting permission from the federal government to take federal impact aid payments into account in determining state aid payments to school districts during the state fiscal year 2014. As a part of that request, we are notifying LEAs of the portion of local revenues of 2011-12 Wealth Neutrality covered under the state equalization program. In addition, determinations under Section 8009 of the Act require computation for disparity is also made available as required in 34 CFR 222.162.

For information on how the 2011-12 wealth neutrality and disparity for LEAs is computed, please go online to the School Finance homepage <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1830>. Look under the heading titled **Wealth Neutrality and Disparity.**

Counting snow days under the 1,116 hours school year requirement

Recent weather-related school closings have generated several calls to our office about meeting the school year requirement. Listed below are excerpts concerning on the snow day provision in the law:

What is the time requirement for kindergarten students and seniors?

As outlined in K.S.A. 72-1106, kindergarten students must have a minimum of 465-hour school term. For pupils regularly enrolled in grade twelve, the school term must consist of at least 1,086 hours. Grades one through eleven must have at least 1,116 hours.

Please explain the inclement weather/ snow day provision in the law.

Each school district may designate inclement weather days. These days will be reported to KSDE through the **SO66** (Superintendents Organizational Report) in the fall. For example, if a school district designates three snow days, then the school district must first make up three snow days on the designated days before any forgiveness is allowed. In this example, the first three days must be made up and the next three days missed because of inclement weather would be forgiven. **Any days missed after six (6) days must be made up.**

The same holds true for districts designating the **1,116 hour policy**. A certain number of hours would be designated and those hours must be made up before any forgiveness is allowed. **Five days is the maximum amount allowed by law.**

How do you count time when school is dismissed early due to hazardous driving conditions?

In order to count the school day, it must have started prior to calling school off.

Count as one of the following:

- 1) the number of hours scheduled that day if the district is under the 1,116 hour calendar; **or**
- 2) a full day if the district is under the 186 day, 6-hour calendar, providing a full day was scheduled.

The above-mentioned rule will also apply when you **delay the start of the school day by one or two hours** due to hazardous driving conditions.

Suggestions for Recording School Hours / Days

We recommend each attendance center maintain a log showing the length of each school day for the entire school year. These logs will be audited to ensure that at least 1,116 hours or (186) 6-hour days were maintained by the district. This should eliminate any problems that could arise at the end of the school year on the amount of time school was in session.

- a. **No time** is included for **early starting or late closing times** such as early band practice or afternoon football practice **or the lunch hour** (open or closed).
- b. **All time reserved for parent-teacher conferences** may be counted.
- c. **One-half of the time scheduled for staff development and inservice training programs** may be counted. The training must be time reserved for staff development or inservice training programs for the purpose of improving staff skills, developing competency in new or highly specialized fields, improving instructional techniques, or curriculum planning and study.

Listed below is a suggested format for your consideration:

<u>October</u> <u>2012</u>		ABC Elementary				<u>EXAMPLE</u>
Month	Year	DAILY LOG OF SCHOOL YEAR				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Lunch Break</u>	<u>Closing Time</u>	<u>Total Hrs/Min.</u> <u>In Session</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
10/15/12	8:20 a.m.	11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	6 hrs, 15 min.		
10/16/12	8:20 a.m.	11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	6 hrs, 15 min.		
10/17/12	8:20 a.m.	11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	6 hrs, 15 min.		
10/18/12	8:20 a.m.	11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	6 hrs, 15 min.		
10/19/12	8:00 a.m.	11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3 hrs, 7.5 min.	staff development	

1,116 hours School Year Requirement can be reviewed online:

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1877>.