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INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT Effective 4/1/13 through 4/7/13

Date: April 1, 2013
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy Commissioner
Craig Neuenswander, Director
School Finance

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	0.12%	0.15%
3 Months	0.04%	0.06%
6 Months	0.09%	0.11%
1 Year	0.16%	0.15%
18 Months	0.21%	0.20%
2 Years	0.26%	0.25%

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

April Payment Dates

Shown below are anticipated payment dates:

- April 1..... General State Aid
- April 1..... Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest)
- April 8..... Federal Aid
- April 15..... Special Education, KPERS (4th Quarter)

Payment amounts will be updated online near the direct deposit date. Each district/LEA can review their payments on the School Finance homepage: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1891>

If you have questions, please contact School Finance, Kevin Mercer, at (785) 296-4973. Questions on federal aid and the Form 240 should be directed to Rose Ireland at (785) 296-2020.

Directory Updates web application

The **Directory Updates** web application is open year round. As changes occur (such as staff or email address), we ask that LEAs go online to make revisions. KSDE databases will frequently upload new information. Data entered into **Directory Updates** is used to:

- **pre-populate district data into reports**
Information such as USD/LEA name, building name, administrator, address, etc. is pre-populated into KSDE online web applications and reports (i.e. Principal's Building Reports, Superintendents Organization Reports, Licensed Personnel, 18-E, etc.).
- **allow users to create mailing labels**
Data you enter is used to create mailing labels from the KSDE homepage (downloads name, address, city, state and zip).
- **open or close school buildings**
Districts will go online to initiate a request to KSDE to assign a building number to a new school or close an existing school building for the upcoming school year. This online "approval process" goes through several KSDE staff. After a building number is assigned (or building is closed), an email message will generate to the district to verify it is completed.

During the summer, KSDE will ask all LEAs to access this web app to perform a complete review to verify (and change if necessary) all directory information - including names, titles, phone numbers and addresses for staff at both district and building levels.

We appreciate your assistance making changes as they occur during the school year. Go online to the KSDE authenticated applications screen: <https://online.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx> and enter your user name and password. If you cannot see **Directory Updates** listed, scroll down to **Manage My Account** to request permission from your superintendent.

Date to submit Medicaid Claims extended to May 1

The State Department of Education is required to distribute to school districts special education state aid as Medicaid replacement state aid in the amount of \$9,000,000. Allocations are determined based upon **the number of special education children that had been approved on March 1, 2013 for Medicaid reimbursement.**

Claims are submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Division of Health Care Finance (HFC), through the **MMIS** billing portal for Medicaid eligible students. **Medicaid related questions should be directed to KDHE:** Hallie Doud – email: hdoud@kdheks.gov

KDHE has extended the April 1 due date to May 1 for districts to submit their Medicaid claims. However, you are encouraged to submit your claim now if your information is ready. Does your district belong to a special ed coop? Please visit with them first because they may be submitting the claim.

KDHE will provide us with a list of the number of special education children that have been approved for Medicaid reimbursement. School Finance will use that information to calculate the final June special education state aid payments.

Craig Neuenswander, Director of School Finance

Purple Up! For Military Kids on April 12



April 2013 is the Month of the Military Child. Across the nation, Friday, April 12, 2013, will be the day to **"Purple Up! For Military Kids."** People are being encouraged to wear purple on that date to show support for our military kids and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices. Please check for events in your area celebrating this day and this month.

The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Kansas was the first state to join the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). Forty-four states have now joined the Compact. The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. Challenges include enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation due to frequent relocations. The superintendents listed below have taken a leadership role representing our state in MIC3 to support military families:

- Ron Walker - USD 475 Geary County (Ft. Riley)
- Keith Mispagel - USD 207 (Ft. Leavenworth)
- Craig Wilford - USD 260 (Derby)



There is a check box in the KIDS record to identify a student who is a military dependent. Even if you don't have a base nearby, you may have military dependent children who attend your district and live with family members while their parents are deployed.

Please take time during April to recognize the service of our active duty military members and their families—and especially their children. They deserve our support!

Shown below is the March 20, 2013, press release announcing April as Month of the Military Child:



Dear School Administrators and Counselors, School Liaison Officers and Military Families,

April 2013 is the Month of the Military Child. During April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities will underscore the important role children play in our military communities. Our military children and families help sustain our fighting force, on whom depend the security and safety of our nation's families and communities. It is important to emphasize and recognize the role that military children play while their service member parents are serving the nation. The MIC3 is committed to resolving the educational transition issues that are faced by these children and their families.

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Military families move between postings on a regular basis, and while reassignments can often be a boon for career personnel, they can be difficult for the children of military families. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Interstate Compact seeks to make these transitions easier for the children of military families so they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

As part of the Compact, the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was established. To date, forty-four states and the District of Columbia have adopted the Compact and placed it in statute. The Commission continues to work with the Department of Defense, Council of State Governments, national organizations, and state leaders to bring the remaining states on board. As states join the Compact, these member states form their State Councils and inform their school districts of the terms of the Compact. Educational efforts for school personnel as well as military families are ongoing so they may work together to ensure the educational success of our military children.

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Sincerely,

*Kathleen F. Berg, Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
Commission Chairman
MIC3 Commissioner – Hawai'i*

For more information on the Interstate Compact or the Commission, please visit the MIC3 website at www.mic3.net.

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