Date: July 18, 2022
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander
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Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210

**TERM** | **CURRENT** | **PREVIOUS**
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1 to 89 Days | 1.58% | 1.58%
3 Months | 2.18% | 2.07%
6 Months | 2.74% | 2.58%
1 Year | 3.09% | 2.93%
18 Months | 3.13% | 2.98%
2 Years | 3.10% | 2.96%

**July Payments**
July 20 .......... School Safety & Security Grant
July 21 .......... Selected Federal Payments
July 27 .......... FY22 KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF) 4th Quarter Reimbursement

State Aid payments .............. Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973 rireland@ksde.org
Federal Aid (Form 240) ........... Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020 nnorwood@ksde.org
Meal reimbursement ............. Jennifer 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**
July 20 .......... Request August Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open July 1-20) Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020
Aug 1 ............ IDEA Application for funds: Title VI-B Flow Through Part II - funds for 2022-23 school year Christy Weiler (785) 296-1712
Sep 20 .......... Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) for incoming kindergarten students Amy Rzadcyznski (785) 296-6035

**Revenue Neutral Tax Rate – Certify by July 20 if Exceeding RNR**
Reminder: If exceeding the RNR, districts are required to certify to your county clerk no later than Wednesday, July 20.

- Prior to notifying the Clerk, USDs exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate should have a conversation with their local Board of Education to keep them informed of the district’s RNR situation.
- It is best practice to complete your budget document and not guess what your RNR numbers will be.

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After completion of your budget document, the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate form provided on the C099 worksheet tab will need to be completed. It is recommended that this document be published at the same time as the Notice of Hearing for the budget. The RNR document must also be posted on the district website.

The RNR form on the C099 is the recommended form to use when certifying to the County Clerk by July 20. If using an alternate form, be sure to include date/time/location of the RNR Hearing, as well as the RNR rates, 2022-2023 Estimated Tax Levy and Estimated Tax Rate.

If using an alternate form, it is good practice to include the C099 RNR form when certifying with the County Clerk.

It is recommended that the RNR and Budget hearing be held on the same night prior to a board meeting. The RNR hearing should be held prior to the Budget hearing. The RNR Resolution is then adopted (by roll call vote) during the regular meeting, as well as the motion to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget. Your adopted LOB Percentage Resolution should follow.

Please download the Revenue Neutral Publication Requirements and the Local Option Budget guidelines found on the school finance site > Online Budget Packet for more detailed information.

If you are exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for only General Fund, and All Other Funds are below the Revenue Neutral Rates, you do not need to complete the RNR process.

USDs not exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate will follow the old law dates for publication and hearing, and shall submit their budget to the County Clerk and KSDE by August 25. The Revenue Neutral Rate form does not need to be published with the Notice of Hearing.

Prepare for your USD Budget Review (repeat)

Before publishing the Notice of Hearing, superintendents and business officials may request someone in the School Finance office double-check their budget document. These one-hour meetings are held in person at KSDE, via Zoom or conference call with Veryl Peter, Craig Neuenswander, Dale Brungardt or Dale Dennis.

To schedule a review, please call Sherry at (785) 296-3871 or Katie at (785) 296-3872.

Once your budget review is scheduled, we suggest you reference these instructions:

Link: School Finance homepage > “What’s New?” Select: Prepare for USD Budget Review

- **In person**: Directions and parking tips when visiting KSDE, what to bring to a budget review.
- **Zoom meeting**: How to schedule a Zoom meeting; email budget Codes at least one day before meeting; USD responsible for Zoom invite.
- **Conference call (scheduled time)**: How to submit your budget (either mail or email) if you have scheduled a day/time for review; list of information to include in cover letter to the person reviewing.
No appointment? How to submit your budget (either by mail or email) for a telephone review; list of information to include in cover letter. We generally review mail-in budgets within 24-48 hours upon receipt. These reviews may occur outside normal office hours.

Apply for Clean School bus Rebates – Is SAM.GOV account current?

Be aware that sam.gov accounts expire annually, if not renewed. You must have an active sam.gov account to apply for Clean School Bus Rebates. Establishing a new account or re-activating an existing account that has expired takes time. There are 6 weeks or 26 days remaining before the applications for rebates close – August 19, 2022. If you are having problems with sam.gov or have questions please direct them to: https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp

Recently, EPA’s Region 5 out of Chicago hosted a webinar where school districts in their region spoke about introducing electric school buses to their fleets and what issues you need to consider and what steps need to be taken in the process. I have provided the link where you can find them, they are very informative: https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/events-related-clean-school-bus-program

For current and on-going information about the Clean School Bus Rebate Program visit EPA’s website: https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus

If you have questions please contact the following:

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