Date: October 19, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner

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

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Important dates

Oct 1-20...... Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) Nicole Norwood

Oct 18-24... America's Safe Schools Week (information below)

Oct 19-23... National School Bus Safety Week (information below)

Oct 21 ......... School Transportation Appreciation Day (information below)

Oct 30 ......... EPA 2020 School Bus Rebate Program – Replace old diesel buses - email application to CleanDieselRebate@epa.gov - see KSDE listserv sent Oct 1
For more info: https://www.epa.gov/dera/rebates or email dera@epa.gov

Oct 31 ......... Dropout/Graduate Summary Report (DGSR) All USDs -- OPEN Oct 1-31
David Fernkopf (785) 296-8447 Instructions sent 10/2/20 to the following listservs: Counselors, Curriculum Leaders, Elementary Principals, Junior High/Middle Principals, High School Principals, Test Coordinators, Superintendents and Board Clerks -- More info: DGSR Webpage

Reminders from office of Safe and Secure Schools

You are encouraged to participate in America's Safe Schools Week from October 18-24. The Governor's Proclamation is shown on the last page. More information will be disseminated over social media about including theme days:

Monday: Mental Health
Tuesday: Suspicious Activity Report
Wednesday: Dangerous Apps
Thursday: Social and Emotional Trauma
Friday: Safety during a Pandemic

For information on 2020-2021 school drill information, planning resources, posters and more, please visit the Kansas Safe and Secure Schools Unit homepage:
https://www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.
### 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 mostermeyer@ksde.org


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**National School Bus Safety Week**

**October 19-23, 2020**

**School Transportation Appreciation Day**

Wednesday, October 21

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.*
TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, school transportation employees perform outstanding service to the children 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 unequaled; 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 4,589 school buses in Kansas that transport 208,124 students over 66 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, ensuring students have a good start on the day, 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 21st, 2020 as School Transportation Appreciation Day in 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 1st day of October, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Secretary of State

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.
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, vandalism, and absenteeism, in our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all citizens 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, all leaders especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business should eagerly collaborate with each other and the National School Safety Center, a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education, to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop and promote innovative answers to these critical issues; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and

WHEREAS, the observance of America's Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 18th - 24th, 2020 as America's Safe Schools Week

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the State this 18th day of October, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[Signature]

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

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