Date: October 10, 2022
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander
Deputy Commissioner
Dale Brungardt
Director of School Finance

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

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October Payment Dates
Oct 17 ..........Special Education, KPERS, Mental Health (CMHC)
Oct 27 ..........KS Pre-K Pilot (TANF)

Payment amounts will be posted on the School Finance homepage near the date of deposit. Payments are listed under the heading: FY23 Payments.

State aid payments: Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973 or Sara Barnes (785) 296-4972
Federal aid payments: (Form 240): Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020

Report Due Dates
Oct 10 ..........KIDS Collection ENRL - (Funding and Enrollment) (deadline for submission Oct 10) KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935
Oct 10 ..........Interlocal Agreements (open Sept 20-Oct 10) Christie Wyckoff (785) 296-6321
Oct 10 ..........Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) deadline to submit data in ASQ Online Amy Rzadczynski (785) 296-6035
Oct 10-14 ...Request for State Foundation Aid for November (all USDs - open Oct 10-14) Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973
Oct 13 ..........Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (KPP-TANF) 1st Quarter Expense Reimbursement (open Oct 3-13) Payment Request Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020
Oct 20 ..........Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open Oct 3-20) Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.
Plan for America's Safe Schools Week - Oct 17-21

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 17-21:

**Monday:** 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)]

**Tuesday:** 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)]  
[Suicide Awareness and Prevention - Training (ksde.org)]

Review list of all Required Staff and Student Trainings (includes Suicide Prevention):  
[Required Training List Update 22.pdf (ksde.org)]

**Wednesday:** 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)]
Thursday: **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)

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Friday: **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.


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

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.
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, 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 our schools 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2022, 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 16th day of October, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State