Date: October 17, 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

October Payment Dates
Oct 17 ..........Special Education, KPERS, Mental Health (CMHC)
Oct 18 ..........KDHE K-12 COVID Testing Grant
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

Deposit KPERS in Code 51
The 2nd quarter KPERS payment (deposits Monday, October 17) is required to be deposited in the KPERS Special Retirement Contribution Fund (Code 51). Deposit as revenue (Line 05-3221) and record as an expenditure broken out by function code as outlined in Code 51 of the USD budget. Kansas law requires school districts to record this as a revenue and an expenditure. KPERS will withdraw these funds from your account on the day it is received or the first working day thereafter.

To view all KPERS payments received for fiscal year 2023, link here - look under the heading FY23 Payments, and select KPERS.

Deposit Special Education in General fund and transfer
Special Education state aid will direct deposit on Monday, October 17. As you will recall, the law requires all special education state aid payments to be deposited in the school district’s general fund budget (Code 06, Line 120 – 3205 Special Education Aid). The revenue would then be transferred from the general fund to the special education fund (Code 30, Line 75 – 5206 Transfer from General).
Detail reports are posted online. To view payment amounts and print the special education detail reports, link here. Select FY23 Special Education State Aid Printout. If a security warning appears in a yellow bar above the spreadsheet, click on Enable Content to proceed.

Next, with your cursor, locate Cell F3 (in red) and click on the arrow to scroll up and select your LEA number. The information will refresh when the LEA number is updated. To display each report, select a tab located at the bottom of the screen (Special Ed, Coop Split, Payment Received).

If you have questions on state aid payments, contact Rose Ireland rireland@ksde.org at (785) 296-4973.

**KDHE K-12 COVID Testing Grant Deposits 10/18/22**

Kansas K-12 Stay Positive Test Negative Initiative funded by KDHE – ELC K-12 Reopening schools cooperative agreement supported through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

If your USD requested funds for the KDHE K-12 COVID Testing Grant, the funds will be deposited on 10/18. Please deposit these funds as follows:

Fund: Federal Funds (Code 07)
Revenue Code: 4599 Other (budget line 75)

The Federal Funds received from the KDHE K-12 COVID Testing Grant are for COVID testing and other expenditures related to COVID mitigation. KDHE K-12 COVID Testing Grant payment amounts are posted on KSDE’s School Finance Payment Information page under “FY23 Payments” within “State and Federal Payment Amounts” section.

If you have any questions about the payment, please contact Sarah Allin (sarah.allin@ks.gov), KDHE’s K-12 Funding Project Manager, at (816) 400-7167.

**Report Due Dates**

Oct 20 ........ Request November Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available (open Oct 3-20)
Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020

Oct 31 ......... Dropout/Graduation Summary Report (DGSR) (all USDs - open Oct 1-Oct 31)
David Fernkopf (785) 296-8447

**ESSER Quarterly Expenditure Report due 10/21/2022**

Quarterly reporting is now open on CommonApp. Every school district will need to submit an Expenditure Report by the end of the day on 10/21/2022.

When submitting your Excel, please update the narrative with how ESSER funds were spent this past quarter. If you did not have any expenditures, you can upload the last quarter spreadsheet with an updated date on the Instructions and Totals tab and add “No expenditures” in the narrative section. Please note, we will need more than “NA” and “see spreadsheet” for the response when expenditures have been updated. This report is cumulative and will need to have all ESSER expenditures previously spent plus the new expenditures this quarter.
Be sure that you are not using (-) negatives on the Excel. If you need to reduce or remove something, do so in the original allocation line.

Do not use the object codes 564, 565, or 590 anywhere on the quarterly reporting Excel.

The last quarterly webinar link can be found on our webpage: https://mediastream.ksde.org/Media/SETS/ESSERQuarterlyReportingWebinarMarch2022.mp4. For questions please contact esser@ksde.org.

**USDs, Coops and Interlocals: Depositing ESSER Funds**

For member school districts, please coordinate your request with the Coop to draw-down ESSER II SPED funds from the Form 240.

To review the ESSER II allocations which includes the breakout for your own and the Coop, open this webpage: Federal Disaster and Pandemic Relief. Look under the headings ESSER II > Allocations > ESSER II SPED (Part 1).

**Attn: Unified School Districts**

**ESSER Grant – Code 07 (Federal Funds)** –
- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I (CARES Act) – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II (CRRSA) – Budget Line 68
- Revenue Code 4606 ESSER III (ARP) – Budget Line 70

**ESSER SPED – Code 30 (Special Education)** –
- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II – Budget Line 68
- **Record the payment to the Coop** on budget expenditure line 255 as Object Code 590 Other

**Attn: Coops and Interlocals**

**ESSER Grant – Code 07 (Federal Funds)** –
- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I (CARES Act) – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II (CRRSA) – Budget Line 68
- Revenue Code 4606 ESSER III (ARP) – Budget Line 70

**ESSER SPED – Code 30 (Special Education)** –
Coops and Interlocals receiving ESSER Special Education funds by transfer from their member districts will deposit them as:
- Revenue Code 1900 Other Revenue from Local Source – Budget Line 15

A few Interlocals which draw a portion of their ESSER II SPED funds directly will deposit as:
- Revenue Code 4595 ESSER I – Budget Line 67
- Revenue Code 4605 ESSER II – Budget Line 68

If you have questions, please contact School Finance at (785) 296-3872.
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

Visit the School Bus Safety homepage: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Bus-Safety

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**National School Bus Safety Week**

October 17-21, 2022

**School Transportation Appreciation Day**

Wednesday, October 19

Recognizing all School Transportation Personnel: bus drivers, dispatchers, monitors, directors, mechanics, etc.

(Proclamation by the Governor shown below)
TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

Whereas, school transportation personnel are responsible for the most precious cargo in Kansas - our children; and

Whereas, they perform outstanding service to the families 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 unqualed; 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 4,366 school buses in Kansas that transport 188,848 students over 23 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, and that our transportation personnel ensure students have a good start on the day, they 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 19, 2022, as

School Transportation Appreciation Day

in the state of 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 19th day of October, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Secretary of State

Jennifer Back
Assistant Secretary of State
Website Postings – Documents required to be on school website

As a reminder, school districts are required to post a number of documents on their website. A list of those documents can be found on the Online Budget Packet webpage. [https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Online-Budget-Packet](https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Online-Budget-Packet). Look under the heading Guidance for Administrators and Business Office for the link titled Website Postings – Documents required to be on school website.

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