KANSAS 2025 Legislative Session

# Legislative Update February 10, 2025



## Legislative calendar

- January 13, 2025
  - Legislative session opened.
- February 7, 2025
  - Last day for non-exempt committee bill introductions.
- February 18, 2025
  - Johnson County delegation lunch in Topeka.
- February 20, 2025
  - Turnaround Day last day to consider non-exempt bills in house of origin.
- March 21, 2025
  - Last day to consider non-exempt bill not in the chamber of origin.
- March 28, 2025
  - First adjournment of the Legislature.
- April 10, 2025
  - Veto session begins.



#### **Blue Valley BOE adopted priority positions**

- Fund special education
- Oppose Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private Schools
- Establish Fair and Equitable School Finance Formula
- Enhance student mental health
- Support Recruitment, Retention, and Alternative Teacher Certification



## **Blue Valley Testimony**

- <u>HB 2129</u>
  - Transferring teachers from KPERS 3 to KPERS 2 and defining teachers for purposes of KPERS.
- <u>HB 2136</u>
  - Expanding student eligibility under the tax credit for low income students scholarship program.
- KSDE Budget
  - KSDE budget presentation with additional money added for Special Education.
- <u>SB 48</u>
  - Requiring school districts to demonstrate improvement in academic performance and be in compliance with all federal & state statutes & rules & regulations to achieve or maintain accreditation
- <u>SB 75</u>
  - Establishing the education opportunity tax credit to provide an income tax credit for taxpayers with eligible dependent children who are not enrolled in public school.
- <u>SB 87</u>
  - Expanding student eligibility under the tax credit for low income students scholarship



#### HB 2011

- The <u>House Taxation Committee</u> recommended that <u>HB 2011</u> be passed and sent to the full House for consideration. This bill deals directly with the 20-mill tax the state levies in support of schools. The includes three key policy decisions:
  - Raising the residential property tax exemption for the statewide school finance levy from \$75,000 to \$100,00 in tax year 2025
  - Decreasing the current 20 mill tax levy to 18.5 mills in 2026 and applying a revenue-neutral provision thereafter
  - Backfilling the State School District Finance Fund from the state general fund for any funds lost due to the 1.5 mill reduction.



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