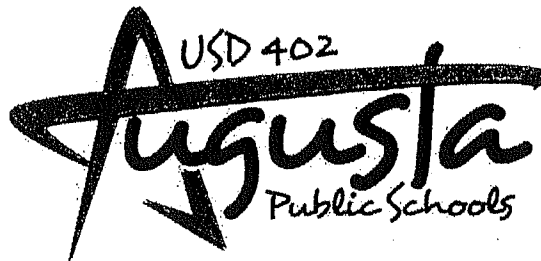


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Senate Education Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
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Dear Chairperson Jean Schodorf and Members of the Committee:

RE: Testimony related to SB 361

I am submitting this testimony as an opponent of the Excellence in Education Act, EEA. Even though each printout provided over the last 3 months shows Augusta USD 402 as a recipient of an initial large increase in funding the first year EEA is enacted the future funding for our schools is a serious concern. Specifically, the unlimited LOB and dependency on the local property tax is devastating to our community. As difficult as it is to get increases in state funding for K-12 today with our current formula, unlimited LOB will make it significant harder in future years. A recent projection depicts what happens to mill levies in an unequalized LOB based system over 10 years and specifically Augusta's mill levy would increase from 60.81 mills to 274.44. This results in a 353% increase in the mill levy over 10 years based on a 3% annual increase (rate of inflation) to the budget.

EEA does not provide for the adequacy and equity needed in school finance for the school children of Augusta and Kansas.

Sincerely,

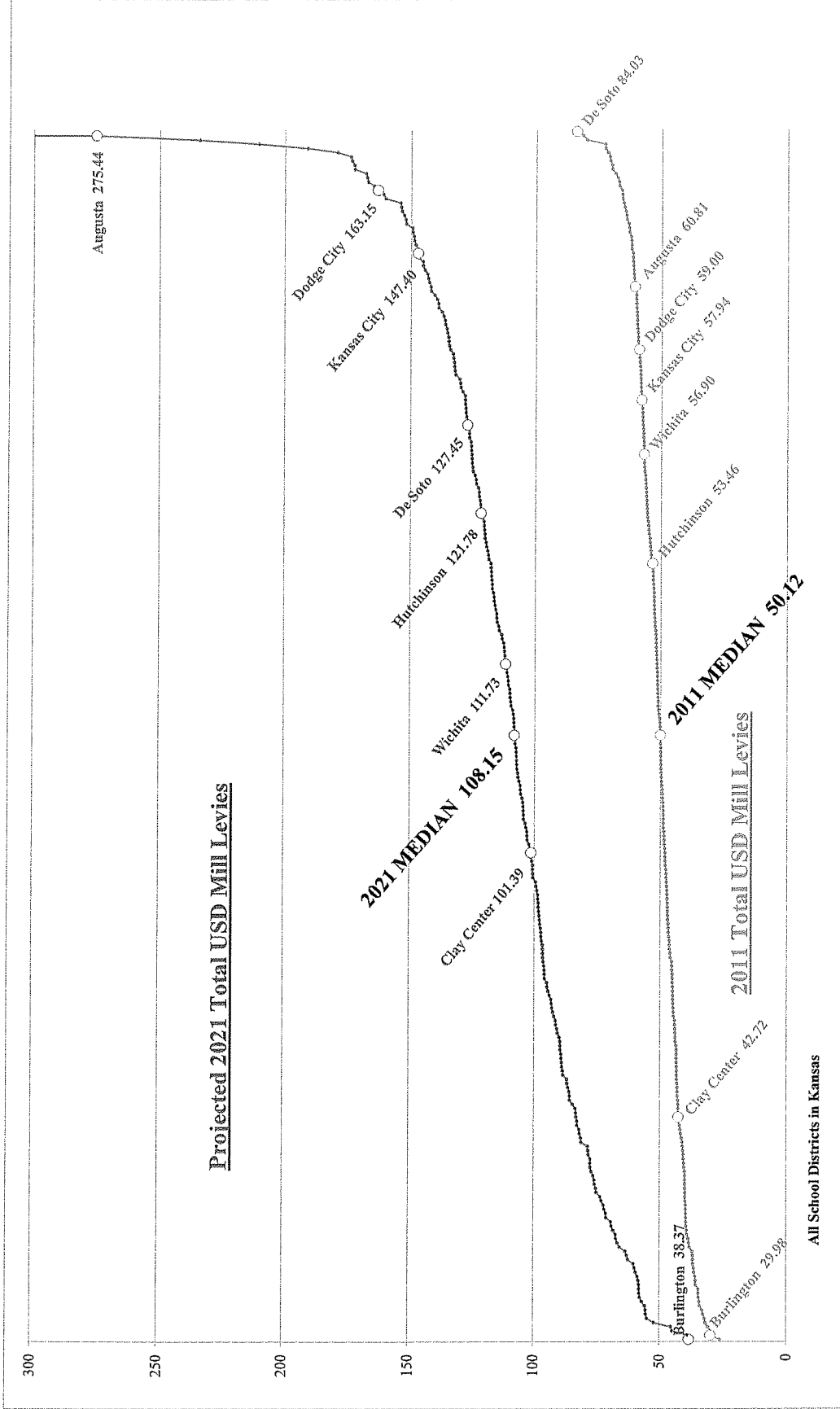
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John C. Black
Superintendent

Student Achievement is Number One!

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What Happens to Mill Levies in an Unequalized LOB Based System Over 10 Years



What Happens to Mill Levies in an Unequalized LOB Based System Over 10 Years

USD #	District Name	LOB Increase Needed from Prior Year to Cover Inflation	Additional Mills Needed over Prior Year Levy	Projected FY17 Total USD Mill Levy	LOB Increase Needed from Prior Year to Cover Inflation	Additional Mills Needed over Prior Year Levy	Projected FY18 Total USD Mill Levy	LOB Increase Needed from Prior Year to Cover Inflation	Additional Mills Needed over Prior Year Levy	Projected FY19 Total USD Mill Levy	LOB Increase Needed from Prior Year to Cover Inflation	Additional Mills Needed over Prior Year Levy	Projected FY20 Total USD Mill Levy	LOB Increase Needed from Prior Year to Cover Inflation	Additional Mills Needed over Prior Year Levy	Projected FY21 Total USD Mill Levy	% Increase in Total USD Mill Levy Over 10 Years
216	Deerfield	111,752	2.08	45.95	115,104	2.14	48.10	118,557	2.21	50.30	122,114	2.27	52.58	125,777	2.34	54.92	20.57
363	Holcomb	295,982	1.90	54.86	307,852	1.96	56.02	317,191	2.01	56.83	326,768	2.07	60.91	336,507	2.14	63.04	18.77
265	South Barber Co.	93,253	1.83	50.26	96,050	1.88	52.15	99,352	1.94	54.09	101,900	2.00	56.09	104,957	2.06	58.15	18.10
214	Ulysses	460,838	1.82	50.20	474,663	1.87	52.07	488,903	1.93	54.00	503,570	1.99	55.99	518,677	2.05	58.03	17.97
269	Palco	71,140	1.77	50.46	73,274	1.82	52.31	75,472	1.88	54.18	77,736	1.93	56.11	80,058	1.99	58.10	17.48
374	Sublette	183,109	1.76	49.42	188,603	1.81	51.23	194,261	1.86	53.09	200,089	1.92	55.01	208,091	1.98	56.98	17.36
321	Kaw Valley	364,124	1.62	48.35	375,048	1.67	50.03	386,288	1.72	51.75	397,888	1.78	53.53	409,825	1.83	55.35	16.07
215	Lakin	217,389	1.57	48.73	223,911	1.62	50.35	230,628	1.67	52.02	237,547	1.72	53.74	244,673	1.77	55.51	15.96
210	Higdon	326,884	1.49	49.39	336,690	1.53	50.93	346,791	1.58	52.51	357,166	1.63	54.13	367,911	1.67	55.81	14.72
332	Cunningham	77,779	1.28	39.45	80,112	1.32	40.76	82,515	1.35	42.12	84,991	1.40	43.51	87,541	1.44	44.95	12.63
209	Mesocow	84,084	1.24	40.21	86,606	1.28	41.48	89,204	1.32	42.80	91,881	1.36	44.16	94,637	1.40	45.56	12.28
217	Rolla	84,115	1.19	47.17	86,639	1.23	48.40	89,238	1.26	49.66	91,915	1.30	50.96	94,672	1.34	52.30	11.78
507	Salanta	135,793	0.92	35.10	139,867	0.95	36.04	144,063	0.97	37.02	148,385	1.00	38.02	152,837	1.03	38.05	9.07
244	Burlington	293,446	0.85	34.71	302,280	0.87	35.59	311,317	0.90	36.49	320,656	0.93	37.41	330,276	0.95	38.37	8.39
Totals		137,995,883		83.39	142,135,759		88.90	146,399,832		95.01	150,791,827		101.37	155,315,582		108.15	56.22
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