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Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chair
Senate Ways and Means
Kansas Statehouse 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

At this past Friday's Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting, members requested additional information related to the completed performance audit: *Kansas Board of Regents: Evaluating the Effects of Eliminating the Kan-ed Program*.

The additional information included:

- **A map showing connected members' locations.** That map is attached.
- **Information showing the commercial internet service providers we contacted and the bandwidth sizes and monthly cost information they provided.** A map and table with this information is attached. We collected this information in an effort to identify cost efficient alternatives to the services that Kan-ed provides. Because most members connected to the Kan-ed network need only commercial internet, we checked the availability of commercial Internet connections and called commercial providers to estimate monthly costs.

If you have questions I will be happy to assist you. I can be reached at (785) 296-3792.

Sincerely,

Laurel Murdie
Principal Auditor

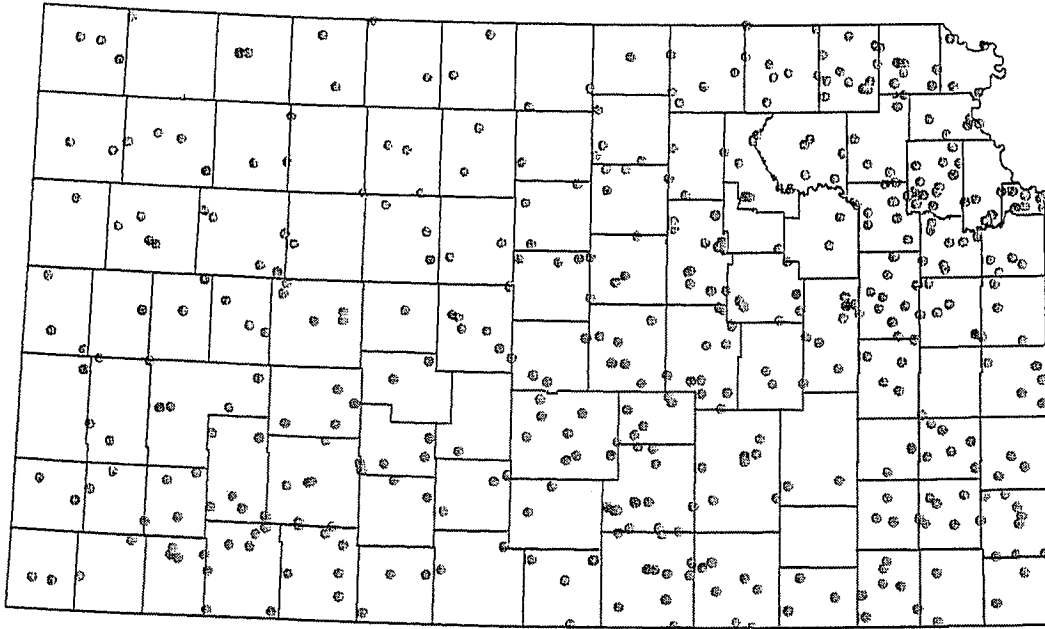
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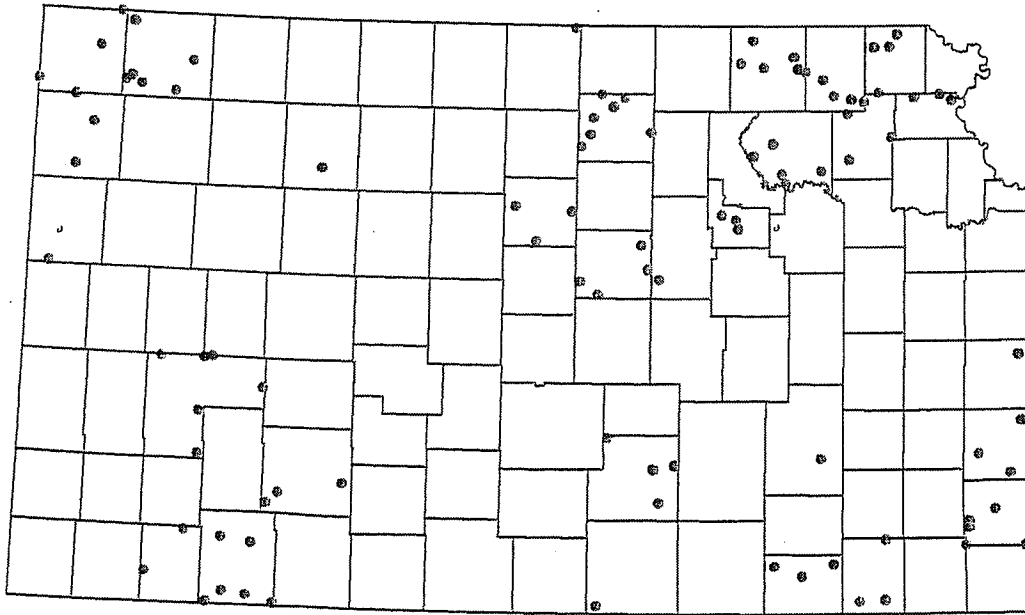
Kan-ed Connected Members



450 connected members, including: 207 K-12 Schools, 129 Libraries, 73 Hospitals, and 41 Higher Education Institutions

Source: LPA analysis of Kan-ed membership data, September 2011

Commercial Internet Service Providers Contacted



Providers Contacted	Monthly Price	Bandwidths
Northeast Region		
CenturyLink Blue Valley AT&T Rainbow	\$40 to \$100	1.5 to 6 megabits down 384 K to 3 megabits up
Southeast Region		
Craw-Kan AT&T Cox	\$55 to \$90	1.5 to 6 megabits down 384 K to 512 K up
South Central Region		
Hawland AT&T Cricket Cox	\$55 to \$90	1.5 to 6 megabits down 384 K to 1 megabit up
Southwest Region		
Eagle Communications AT&T Wheatland Cox	\$55 to \$90	1.5 to 3 megabits down 384 K to 3 megabits up
Northwest Region		
Eagle Communications AT&T Alwood Cable Nex-Tech	\$40 to \$70	1.5 to 6 megabits down 384 K to 3 megabits up
North Central Region		
Eagle Communications Cunningham AT&T Tri-County Cox	\$55 to \$100	1.5 to 4 megabits down 384 to 768 K up

Source: LPA analysis of commercial internet service monthly service costs and bandwidths.