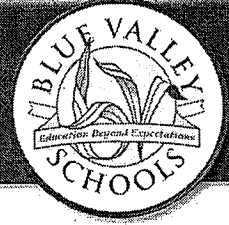


# LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY



FROM BLUE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 229

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BUDGET TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2391 March 19, 2013

To the Honorable Ward Cassidy and members of the House Committee on Education Budget:

On behalf of Blue Valley USD 229, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2391 (HB 2391). HB 2391 addresses a shortcoming of the ancillary funding provision currently in Kansas law. HB 2391 lengthens the amount of time a facility could be considered for ancillary funding revenue. By lengthening the time a facility could be considered for this revenue, this bill would assist schools districts who qualify for ancillary funding with a more measured and less-abrupt reduction of funding streams. Under current law, the reduction in the funding stream for ancillary facilities goes from 100% of the operating cost of the facility to 0% in four years at a rate of 25% per year. Under HB 2391, the reduction in the funding stream is changed from 100% to 0% in 10% increments. This is an important change for school districts by providing school districts with a more gradual decrease of ancillary funding revenue. In times of economic uncertainty, having a less abrupt reduction of the ancillary funding stream is good public policy and helpful to school districts for budget planning.

It is important to note that under the current ancillary funding state statute, all revenues raised are local revenues. No state dollars are expended for ancillary funding, and HB 2391 does not change that. Four school districts in Kansas currently qualify for ancillary funding. However, the ancillary funding law applies to any school district in the state that meets the KSBE definition of extraordinary growth.

HB 2391 allows for a more measured and smoother reduction of the ancillary funding provision, and that will be of significant benefit for all current and future school districts who qualify under the definition of extraordinary growth.

For these reasons, we ask for your support of HB 2391.

House Education Budget Committee  
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