



**Senate Education Committee
 Senator Steve Abrams, Chair
 SB 131 – Expanding Capital Outlay**

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express objections to SB 131. The bill would expand the allowable uses for Capital Outlay. SB 131 would effectively allow a few districts with high property valuations to move expenditures into Capital Outlay and expand their purchasing power while the majority of Kansas school districts would not.

First, the legislature has not funded Capital Outlay Equalization aid since 2008/09. This has cost Wichita Public Schools \$20 million in state aid, while property wealthy districts have been immune from any loss of Capital Outlay revenue. This bill widens the spending gulf.

Secondly, the ability for taxing districts to support schools varies widely. One mill raises vastly differing amounts. Within the same county one mill at Lebo raises \$45 while one mill at Burlington raises over \$400 per pupil. The same gap exists among the large districts where Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley both raise over \$115 per pupil from one mill while neighboring Kansas City raises less than \$40. In Wichita a mill is roughly half at \$57 per pupil.

USD	Enrollment	2011/12 Capital Outlay Fund per pupil
Shawnee Mission	26,534.7	\$1,584
Topeka Public Schools	13,178.1	\$1,386
Blue Valley	20,898.2	\$922
Salina	6,897.8	\$821
Wichita	46,231.1	\$646
Cheney	753.0	\$494
Southeast Of Saline	714.5	\$461
Anthony-Harper	821.5	\$417
Doniphan West Schools	346.0	\$391
Clearwater	1,189.1	\$389
Independence	1,900.4	\$386
Olathe	26,373.3	\$368
Wallace County Schools	206.0	\$364
Kansas City	18,874.4	\$341
Garden City	7,068.8	\$95

Expanding allowable expenditure from Capital Outlay would allow a few districts to shift costs from the general fund to Capital. For example, a property wealthy district could levy a slight increase and move \$8m utility bill into Capital which essentially increases the General Fund by \$8m. Effectively an \$8m increase in their general fund to increase teacher salaries or hire additional staff. Yet a neighboring, competing district with low property wealth, would not be able to move utilities to Capital because the mill levy would be too great of an increase for the community, especially with no equalization state aid.

Mr. Chairman, we object to this bill. We encourage the legislature to first restore equalization state aid before allowing a few districts to shift costs. Thank you for your consideration.

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Col 3/12	Column3	Column9	Column1	Column3	Column9	Column1	Column3	Column9
USD		Capital Outlay Aid	3/12/2009		Col 6	3/12/2009		Col 6
		2008-09			Capital Outlay Aid			Capital Outlay Aid
No.	USD Name	(Col 4 X Col 5)	No.	USD Name	(Col 4 X Col 5)	No.	USD Name	(Col 4 X Col 5)
259	Wichita	4,686,715	365	Garnett	64,019	481	Rural Vista	18,197
501	Topeka	1,243,198	340	Jefferson West	63,256	110	Thunder Ridge	17,808
500	Kansas City	1,171,572	490	El Dorado	62,073	456	Marais Des Cygnes	17,761
305	Salina	566,723	273	Beloit	61,717	405	Lyons	17,542
261	Haysville	564,536	400	Smoky Valley	60,252	239	North Ottawa Co.	17,483
266	Maize	535,726	415	Hiawatha	59,828	411	Goessel	16,888
231	Gardner-Edgerton	509,600	233	Olathe	56,375	329	Alma	15,336
202	Turner	501,172	361	Anthony-Harper	53,618	360	Caldwell	14,984
265	Goddard	499,213	460	Hesston	53,522	349	Stafford	14,215
385	Andover	498,589	343	Perry	51,160	369	Burrton	14,028
457	Garden City	476,182	252	Southern Lyon Co.	50,375	212	Northern Valley	13,912
475	Junction City	453,189	440	Halstead	50,366	311	Pretty Prairie	12,648
260	Derby	400,175	484	Fredonia	48,684	105	Rawlins County	11,746
453	Leavenworth	386,278	473	Chapman	47,992	467	Leoti	11,647
443	Dodge City	351,853	211	Norton	44,434	371	Montezuma	11,343
345	Seaman	326,437	420	Osage City	44,237	109	Republic County	11,192
450	Shawnee Heights	321,126	357	Belle Plaine	43,522	316	Golden Plains	11,044
253	Emporia	305,104	205	Bluestem	42,726	224	Clifton-Clyde	10,964
308	Hutchinson	289,294	325	Phillipsburg	42,625	486	Elwood	10,851
204	Bonner Springs	255,217	389	Eureka	39,833	298	Lincoln	10,570
373	Newton	242,053	102	Cimarron-Ensign	38,769	223	Barnes	10,543
465	Winfield	235,526	364	Marysville	35,149	359	Argonia	9,922
232	DeSoto	232,992	327	Ellsworth	34,698	477	Ingalls	9,772
402	Augusta	217,650	309	Nickerson	33,821	419	Canton-Galva	9,528
480	Liberal	217,544	342	McLouth	33,525	448	Inman	9,338
506	Labette County	202,809	251	North Lyon Co.	33,501	341	Oskaloosa	9,156
313	Buhler	187,476	293	Quinter	32,170	219	Minneola	8,512
262	Valley Center	182,508	449	Easton	32,076	339	Jefferson County	7,528
458	Basehor-Linwood	181,082	439	Sedgwick	31,522	207	Ft. Leavenworth	7,488
267	Renwick	178,198	346	Jayhawk	31,165	334	Southern Cloud	5,674
250	Pittsburg	172,780	417	Morris County	30,748	320	Wamego	5,410
264	Clearwater	167,094	307	Eil-Saline	30,744	245	LeRoy-Gridley	4,992
348	Baldwin City	160,955	337	Mayetta	30,216	350	St. John-Hudson	4,598
491	Eudora	160,785	505	Chetopa - St. Paul	30,075	395	LaCrosse	4,420
469	Lansing	158,789	258	Humboldt	29,905	397	Centre	4,415
290	Ottawa	148,388	421	Lyndon	29,839	242	Weskan	4,266
353	Wellington	147,916	330	Wabaunsee East	29,630	426	Pike Valley	3,738
441	Sabetha	138,526	372	Silver Lake	29,334	376	Sterling	3,071
368	Paola	133,166	434	Santa Fe	29,025	227	Jetmore	988
413	Chanute	125,161	416	Louisburg	28,944	496	Pawnee Heights	76
445	Coffeyville	123,789	461	Neodesha	28,785			
263	Mulvane	119,501	237	Smith Center	28,488			
409	Atchison	113,203	462	Central	27,823			
394	Rose Hill	111,778	504	Oswego	26,622			
464	Tonganoxie	108,058	488	Axtell	26,487			
435	Abilene	107,078	335	North Jackson	26,485			
268	Cheney	104,685	396	Douglass	25,344			
257	Iola	102,102	381	Spearsville	24,917			
333	Concordia	96,814	498	Valley Heights	24,632			
418	McPherson	93,612	344	Pleasanton	24,099			
446	Independence	93,073	286	Chautauqua	24,084			
503	Parsons	91,808	312	Haven	21,422			
495	Ft. Larned	82,970	272	Waconda	21,167			
382	Pratt	82,199	378	Riley County	21,148			
234	Ft. Scott	79,036	322	Onaga	20,308			
410	Durham-Hills	78,532	489	Hays	19,470			
493	Columbus	72,832	407	Russell	19,253			
336	Holton	68,749	392	Osborne	18,932			
289	Wellsville	65,343	282	West Elk	18,551			
248	Girard	64,869	492	Flinthills	18,420			

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