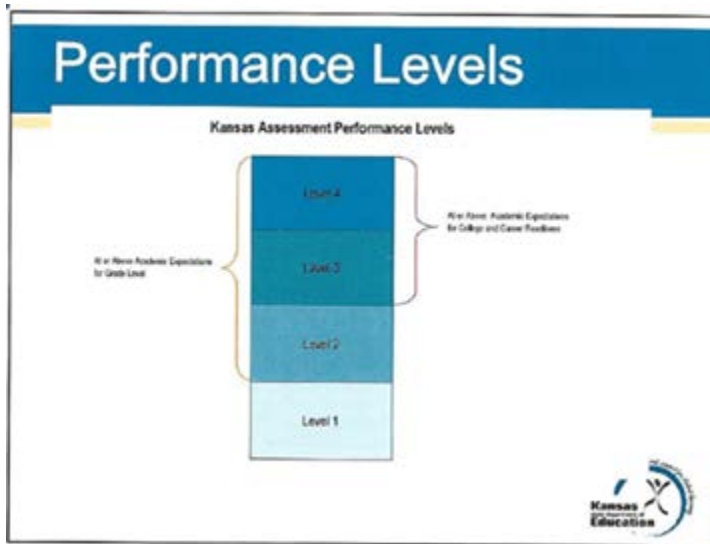


Senators,

Here is the link to the K-12 survey referenced in my testimony yesterday. As I explained, SurveyUSA contacted 1,450 adults to find 510 registered voters who are parents or grandparents of kids in Kansas public schools. <https://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=ffdae23b-42a8-43d7-a4a8-664da1b91a0b>

I'd also like to correct a statement made by Mark Tallman regarding the definition of 'below grade level.' The Kansas Department of Education no longer publishes the definition, but education officials know full well that students who score in Level 1 on the state assessment test are considered below grade level.

KSDE used the graphic below to explain the new assessment to the Legislature in 2015. It very clearly shows that Levels 2, 3, and 4 are considered grade level, leaving Level 1 as below grade level.



You may also remember that the Kansas Supreme Court noted in 2016 that having about a quarter of students tested were grade level somehow 'proved' that schools were not adequately funded. Their statement was based on the percentage of students in Level 1. KSDE shows 27% of students in Level 1 for math, and 24% in Level 1 for ELA.

Organization Level	Program Year	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4	% Not Tested
State - 2016	2016	27.36	38.37	23.93	9.5	0.8

Organization Level	Program Year	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4	% Not Tested
State - 2016	2016	24.34	34.52	30.29	9.85	0.97

Neither KSDE or KASB deny this.