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Date: November 16, 2026

To: Chief School Administrators

From: Frank Harwood
Deputy Commissioner

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Director of School Finance

INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT
Effective 11/16/2026 through 11/22/2026

TERM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
1 to 89 Days	3.88%	3.88%
3 Months	4.14%	4.03%
6 Months	4.33%	4.24%
1 Year	4.58%	4.42%
18 Months	4.70%	4.51%
2 Years	4.74%	4.55%

Minimum investment rates banks must offer to secure public funds as prescribed by K.S.A. 75-4210.
Maximum length of investment term is two years.

Payments

Nov 20.....SNP, FFVP & CACFP
Dec 1 .....State Foundation Aid, Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
Dec 10.....Selected Federal Payments
Dec 14.....Juvenile Detention
Dec 15.....Special Education

Payment amounts for each district/LEA will be posted near the date of deposit: Payment Information.

State Aid Payments: Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

Federal Aid Payments/Form 240: Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020
Refer to Form 240 (Federal Aid Payment request form) for a list of federal program funds. To request a December payment, Form 240 will be open from November 2nd through the 15th. The federal Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) requires that federal funds must be spent by the end of the month they are received. LEAs cannot carry over federal funds to the following month.

Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Payments: Dessa Gifford (785) 296-4965

- SNP = School Nutrition Programs
- FFVP = Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- CACFP = Child & Adult Care Food Program
- SFSP = Summer Food Service Program

Report Due Dates

Nov 16-Jan 15 Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant Request for Proposals
Natalie McClane (785) 296-5081

Nov 17.....Juvenile Detention Center Application due (select LEAs) (Open Nov 17-Dec 1)
Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020

Dec 1 .....Special Education Categorical Aid Personnel Report (deadline to update)
Evelyn Alden (785) 296-3868

Dec 1 .....KIDS Collection SMSC (Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Funding (open Dec 1-Jan 5) KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935

Dec 1 .....Juvenile Detention Center Application due (select LEAs)
Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020

Dec 1 .....Kansas Preschool Pilot Classroom Enrollment and Expenditures Report
Natalie McClane (785) 296-5081

Dec 1 .....Survey sent for Dyslexia Training: Initial and Annual Training verification (Due March 1) Laurie Curtis (785) 296-2749

Dec 1-15.....Request January Federal Funds (Form 240) *if funds available* (open Dec 1-15)
Amanda Williams (785) 296-2020

Dec 7-11 .....Request for State Foundation Aid for January (all USDs - open Dec 7-11) final request for FY2027 Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

Dec 15.....IDEA Maintenance of Effort and Excess Cost Report (submission deadline for coop/interlocal member districts) Helen Swanson (785) 296-1712

Dec 15.....Mill Rate by Fund submission for all USDs (open Nov 15-Dec 15) Marcia Ricklefs (785) 296- 4209

Dec 20.....Emergency Safety Intervention Data (in KIAS) due for events occurring between June 1-November 30 Trish Backman (785) 296-6937

Mill Rate Form 2026-2027 – due 12/15 *(listserv sent 11/13 to Sups & Clerks)*

The 2026-2027 Mill Rate Form is now open. Access the Mill Rate Form through LEA Forms on the KSDE Web Applications site. We anticipate the reporting time to complete this Mill Rate report is *less than 20 minutes*.

To complete the report, enter the final mill rates for each fund from the certified Mill Levies sheet. *The County Clerk should have mailed certified final Mill Rates to each USD in November*, but if not contact the County Clerk to request them.

For step-by-step help, the Mill Rate User's Guide is available on the Guidelines & Manuals page of the School Finance website under the Manuals heading. Below are some helpful tips:

- Do *NOT* enter the budgeted mill rates provided on the Mill Rate Form as final mill rates.
  - KSDE provides the budgeted rate as certified on the USD Budget as a reference ONLY in order to show the difference between budgeted and final rates.
- Be sure that the final mill rates entered are for the current school year.
  - 2026 Mill Rates for 2026-2027 School Year
- Capital Outlay cannot exceed 8.000 mills per KSA 72-53,113.
- If USD is in multiple counties, report the rates from USDs *Home County*.

- If there are any discrepancies on the Levy Sheet, please notify the County Clerk.

Mill Rate Questions, contact School Finance staff:
Marcia Ricklefs (785) 296-4209
Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

Username and Password Questions, contact the KSDE Help Desk: (785) 296-7935

Special Education Personnel Activity Report (PAR) available

The Special Education Personnel Activity Report (PAR) is available on KSDE's Fiscal Auditing webpage. This time and effort log should be used by special education personnel providing services to both regular education students and special education students. If a staff member's duties are not 100 percent special education, a Personnel Activity Report must be completed. State categorical aid reimbursement will be based on pro-rated FTE for these staff.

This Personnel Activity Report is available on KSDE's Fiscal Auditing webpage: Fiscal Auditing
Once on the webpage, scroll down to the **Calculators** heading and select the downloadable document: **Special Ed – Personnel Activity Report 25-26, 26-27.**
Remember to review the *Important Info* tab at the bottom of the Excel file.

Questions? The following KSDE staff can assist you:

- **Using the log:**
  Laurel Murdie, Director, Fiscal Auditing, at (785) 296-4976
- **Requirements completing the log:**
  Evelyn Alden, Special Education, at (785) 296-3868

KDHE Waste Tire Grant Opportunity

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is offering Waste Tire Grants to purchase products made from recycled tires. Playground surfacing, picnic tables, and park benches are a few examples of the eligible projects.

The application period runs from November 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027.

The effective date of the funded grants will be May 1, 2027. Applications and guidelines will be available November 15 at Waste Reduction Grant Guidelines & Forms | KDHE, KS. Select: Waste Tire Grants

Questions about the grant may be directed to KDHE, kdhe.bwmgrant@ks.gov or call (785) 296-1617.

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