



The mission of USA|Kansas, through collaboration of member associations, is to serve, support and develop educational leaders and to establish USA|Kansas as a significant force to improve education.

USA|Kansas supports:

- The current funding formula.
- Working collaboratively to define a suitable provision for finance that ensures Kansas students receive a quality education that helps them reach their potential and become successful, productive citizens.
- Long-term planning for school finance to create stability and allow for the efficiencies and effectiveness that can be gained through advanced planning.
- Funding the Special Education Maintenance of Effort in FY 2011.
- Local Option Budget (LOB)
 - Extending the current provision that allows the LOB calculation to be based on the \$4,433 base state aid per pupil (BSAPP).
 - A reasonable and defined increase in the LOB cap. The increase should continue to be equalized at no less than the current rate and should not be subject to vote.
- Efforts to leverage resources, including administrative flexibility, at the local level to meet the needs of individual districts and the students they educate.
- A Commission to review the current tax system.
- KPERs reform that improves solvency and honors current commitments, while continuing to attract and retain qualified employees.
- Establishing a Task Force to study the feasibility of implementing a new centralized accounting system. USA|Kansas supports the inclusion of legislators, administrators, and a Kansas State Board of Education member. This Task Force would be charged with identifying needs, evaluating current practice and making recommendations to the Legislature.

USA|Kansas opposes:

- “Sweeping” cash balances. These cash balances are intended to help manage cash flow during challenging financial times. These funds allow school districts to make payroll and meet other financial obligations when the State does not make payments on schedule.
- USA|Kansas strongly encourages the Legislature to oppose any new mandate that increases district administrative costs. As new initiatives and opportunities arise, administrators encourage the Legislature to consider whether these initiatives enhance student learning, are more *effective* in achieving the desired outcome and whether there are sufficient new resources to support implementation and delivery.