March 6, 2012

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 450 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 450 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 450 would amend the current school finance formula by setting the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) for the 2012-2013 school year at $3,854 and $3,928 for the 2013-2014 school year. Under current law, the statutory BSAPP is set at $4,492 but appropriations have not been at this level. In addition, the bill would allow local boards of education to increase the local option budget (supplemental general fund budget) authority from 31.0 percent to 33.0 percent in the 2012-2013 school year and from 33.0 percent to 35.0 percent in the 2013-2014 school year. Under current law, local option budget authority is capped at 31.0 percent. If a local school board would increase its supplemental general fund budget above 31.0 percent under SB 450, the increase would be subject to protest petition.

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According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of SB 450 would require additional state aid totaling $56.0 million in FY 2013, all from the State General Fund. Of this amount, $50.0 million would be attributed to the $74 increase in BSAPP beyond the $3,780 BSAPP that was included in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report. The remaining $6.0 million would be attributable to the state’s share of the increased authority in local option budgets from 31.0 percent to 33.0 percent. In addition the bill would require an additional $56.0
million from the State General Fund in FY 2014 beyond what is added in FY 2013, which would be a result of increasing the BSAPP to $3,928 at a cost of $50.0 million and from increasing the local option budget authority from 33.0 percent to 35.0 percent at a cost of $6.0 million. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 450 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dale Dennis, Education