To: Board of Education

From: Kathy Johnson, director, finance

Re: Legislative Update

Date: June 8, 2017

Background:
At its February 27, 2017 meeting, the Board of Education received a legislative and budget update focused on the district’s cash balances and concerns regarding deficit spending. Administrative staff also discussed the process for evaluating department budgets and building a plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

Current Report:
This report will update the board on legislative action, finance framework provisions and Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) estimates of funding impacts to Lawrence USD 497. These estimates are all tentative until KSDE can provide interpretation of framework formulas and the revised state budget forms, which will not be available until the end of June or early July.

In addition, the courts will still need to review and rule on the proposed finance framework’s adequacy, which is still pending and could have an impact on legislative action.