



**Senate Select Committee on Education Finance
Hearing on: SB 44
February 6, 2019
Submitted by: Blue Valley Schools
(Written Comments Only)**

Chairwoman Baumgardner and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting SB 44.

USD 229 Blue Valley Schools supports the addition of an inflationary adjustment factor to the school finance formula, built upon the Legislature's 2018 funding legislation, to settle current school finance litigation and allow schools to more effectively plan future school year budgets. We also support the inflationary factor being added to the BASE state aid.

We believe the *Gannon VI* decision offers a clear path forward to resolve years of uncertainty and litigation in financing Kansas schools. Adding the inflationary amount to the BASE state aid applies the funding most fairly across all districts in a way that provides all K-12 students in Kansas the opportunity to achieve successful outcomes and compete with students in a worldwide economy.

SB 44 achieves these objectives and we respectfully urge the committee's support of this bill.