

February 21, 2024

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Education  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 427 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 427 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 427 would require each local board of education to list the current members of the board, along with an email address for each board member, on the website of the school district. Each school district would be required to send this information to the Department of Education. The Department would be required to update the information each time a new board member takes office or when other changes occur. The Department would be required to maintain a public database of all current members of all local boards of education with this information. The Department would be required to post access to the database on the agency's website.

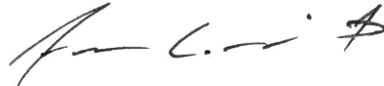
In addition, the bill would allow any member of a local board to add discussion items under the category of new business at any school board meeting. Also, any member would be able to ask questions or engage in discussion with any member of the public addressing the local board at a school board meeting. The bill would require each meeting held by a local board of education to include time for a public comment portion of the meeting, including virtual meetings. Members of the public would be able to address the board at regular school board meetings.

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would require additional staff time to collect, verify, and post contact information in a database on the agency's website. The required additional administrative requirements for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the Department. However, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's administrative resources, additional expenditures for administrative costs beyond the Department's current budget may be

required. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 427 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education  
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards