

Gardner Edgerton



Trails to Success

Pam Stranathan
Superintendent of Schools

May 19, 2017

Testimony on
Substitute HB 2410 – Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act
Select Committee on Education Finance

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

On behalf of USD 231 Gardner Edgerton, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Substitute HB 2410. We are neutral on this bill.

The communities of Gardner and Edgerton are located in southwest Johnson County, one of the most rapidly growing areas of the state. Economic development is strong, and demand for residential housing is even stronger. Undoubtedly, this growth is drastically impacting our schools.

The restoration of per pupil funding at \$4,006, combined with future per pupil funding increases and annual adjustments based on the Midwest consumer price index, provide an a strong foundation for the funding of K-12 education. We are also pleased to see increased budget opportunities for the Board of Education to exercise local control for the benefit of our students, without the requirement to conduct costly voter elections. Finally, the expansion of capital outlay allowable uses to cover utility costs would provide valuable budget flexibility.

Thank you for your continued efforts that invest resources in the education of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pam Stranathan' in a cursive style.

Pam Stranathan
Superintendent
USD 231 Gardner Edgerton