

Opinion

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Bring competition

Congratulations to the Kansas State Board of Education for taking up the idea of using vouchers as a way to promote the educational achievement of at-risk and special-education students ("State school board ponders vouchers," Nov. 10 Local & State).

Board member Bill Wagnon argued that there are no failing schools in Kansas. I bet that some parents who, for financial reasons, are unable to move from schools in Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City might think differently.

It's time to bring competition in some form to bear on education, so that all families can enjoy its benefits -- not just those well-off enough to move or to pay private school tuition on top of property taxes.

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