

## SPENDING AND ACHIEVEMENT IN KANSAS: A DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT REVIEW

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### *Executive Summary*

This report offers a snapshot of each unified school district in Kansas. It covers the school years 1993-1994 to 2004-2005, using the most recently available information from the Kansas State Department of Education. Districts in the state varied greatly in terms of enrollment, growth of spending, and effectiveness in turning taxpayer dollars into proficient scores on state assessments. This suggests that increased funding alone does not guarantee results.

**Enrollment** - Enrollment for the state as a whole increased just over 1 percent between 1993 and 2005, ending at an FTE (full-time equivalent) enrollment of 441,867.6. USD 295 Prairie Heights in western Kansas saw the greatest decline, at over 68 percent, while the largest increase was at 150 percent in Johnson County's USD 232 DeSoto. In keeping with population trends, the districts that saw the largest increases in student enrollment were in eastern Kansas, while the districts that saw the largest decreases were in western Kansas.

**Spending** - Total spending on a per-pupil basis increased 62 percent for the state as a whole between 1993 and 2005. Some districts merged during this time, but of those that remained intact, none experienced a decline in per-pupil spending.

**Performance** - The cost-effectiveness of each district is measured by comparing its spending history with its performance on state assessments. Specifically, the report uses two numbers for each district. The first is its average per-pupil spending for the years 2001-2005. The second is the percentage of its students scoring proficient or better on the eighth-grade reading test during the 2004-2005 school year. A ratio of dollars-spent-per-proficiency point scored rewards districts that spend less but achieve more. At the low end, Lansing USD 469 spent only \$75 for each proficiency point, far below the state average of \$118. On the other end, Moscow USD 209 spent close to \$250 for each proficiency point. In sum, the amount of district spending is no predictor of academic success.



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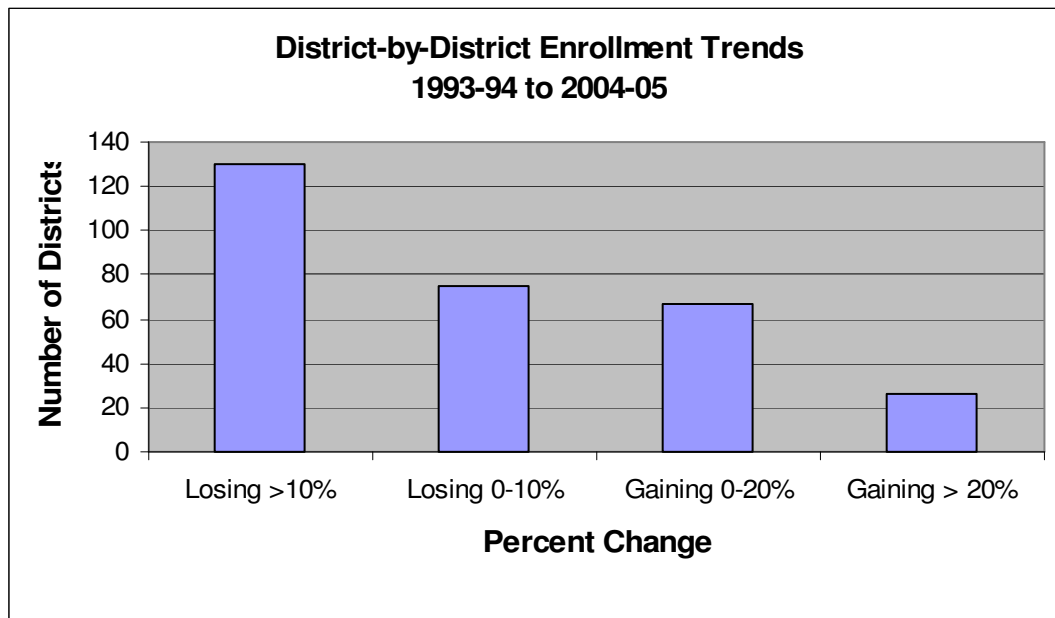
The Flint Hills Center’s publication “[K-12 Spending and Performance in Kansas](#)” provided information for school spending and achievement for the state as a whole. This follow-up publication gives some snapshots of activity at the district level. Specifically, it gives interested citizens the chance to look at their own school district and compare it to others.

This report draws on the Comparative Performance and Fiscal System of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). This interactive database is available online at [http://cpfs.ksde.org/cpfs/custom\\_rpts.aspx](http://cpfs.ksde.org/cpfs/custom_rpts.aspx). The department also makes a number of other reports and data sets available online and in person.

The first key to being an effective consumer, lawmaker, or citizen, is to gain information. The Flint Hills Center for Public Policy is pleased to offer this guide to the public record. It covers the school years 1993-94 to 2004-05.

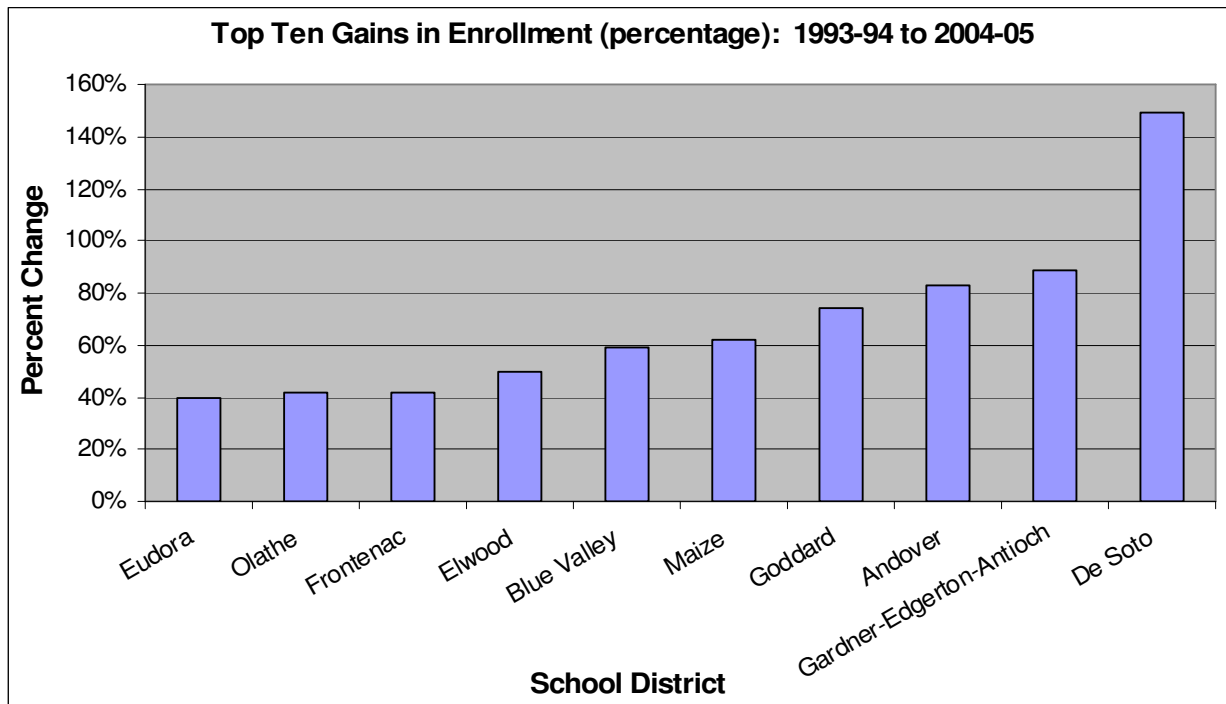
**Enrollment**

The basic unit in education policy is the unified school district (USD), or more simply, the district. Overall, enrollment in Kansas has barely budged in recent years. During the 1993-94 school year, the number of students on an FTE (full-time equivalency) basis was 437,210.1; by the 2004-05 school year, that had increased to 441,867.6, an increase of just over 1 percent. But that number conceals wide variation among school districts. Some districts disappeared entirely (their numbers have been incorporated into successor districts), while others have grown by double-digit amounts. (See Appendix 1.)



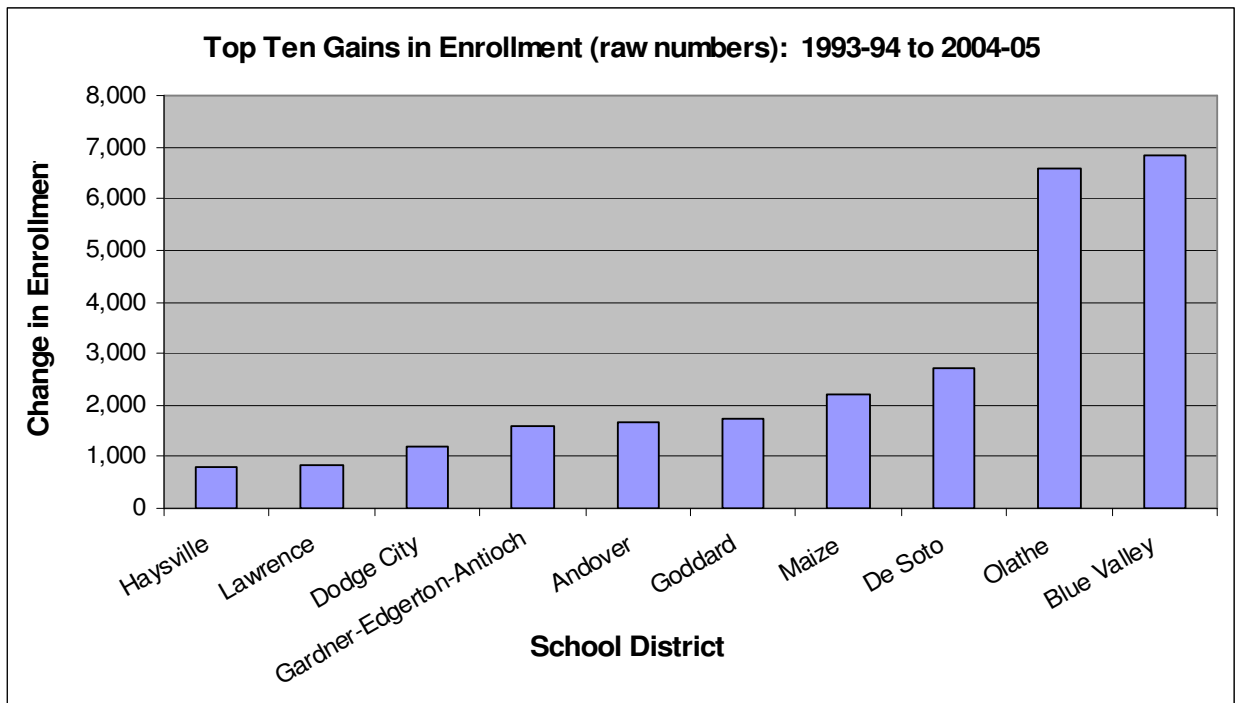
**Top Ten Gains and Losses in Enrollment**

Of the 298 districts analyzed, only 93 gained population from 1993-1994 to 2004-05. The rest, 205, saw a decline in enrollment. That is, for every one district that saw an enrollment increase, more than two saw a decline. Among the top 10 districts for percentage growth, four were in Johnson County (USD 232 De Soto, USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch, USD 229 Blue Valley, USD 233 Olathe), three were in the Wichita area (USD 385 Andover, USD 265 Goddard, USD 266 Maize), and the rest were scattered in the eastern part of the state. (See Appendix 2.)

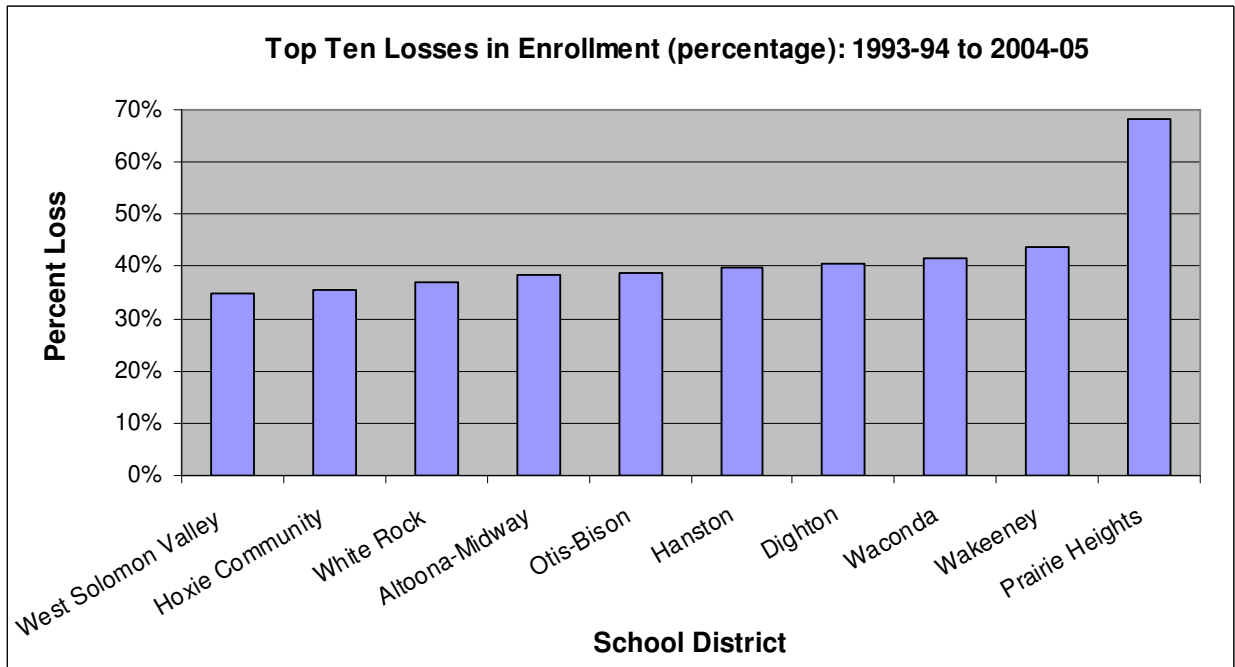


Of the top ten gainers in raw numbers, four districts were in Johnson County (USD 229 Blue Valley, USD 233 Olathe, USD 232 De Soto, and USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch) while another four were in the Wichita area (USD 266 Maize, USD 265 Goddard, USD 385 Andover, and USD 261 Haysville). USD 443 Dodge City was the largest gainer in western Kansas, and the only western district to be in the top ten gainers.

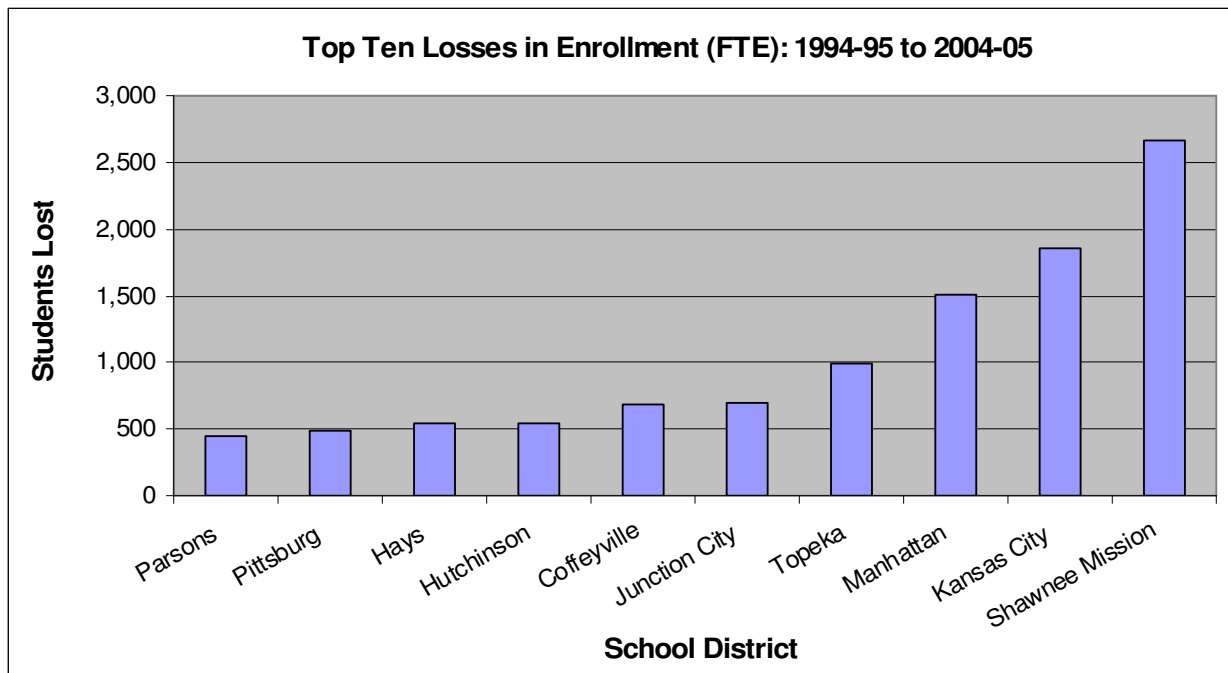




The top ten districts with the great percentage decline in enrollment were generally in western Kansas. (See Appendix 3.)



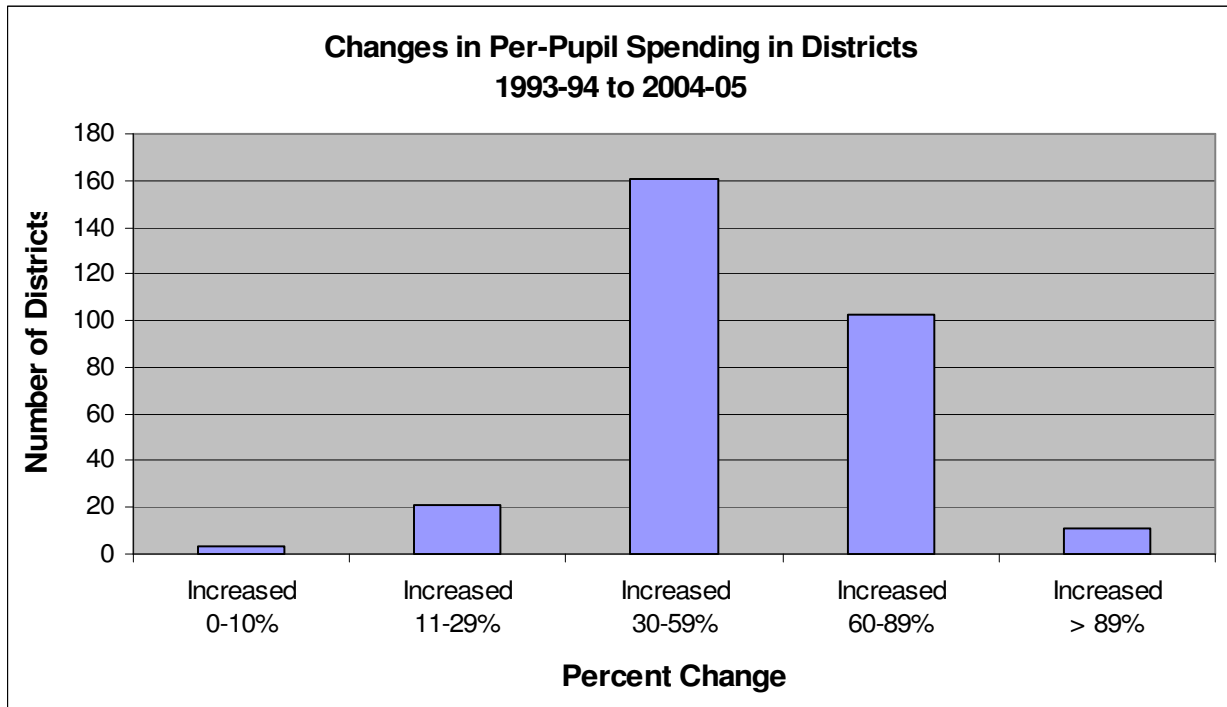
On the other hand, the most substantial declines in raw numbers came in the more populated parts of the state. Two came in the Kansas City metropolitan area (USD 512 Shawnee Mission and USD 500 Kansas City); most of the rest came from the eastern part of Kansas.



### Changes in Per-Pupil Spending

What about spending? While some districts lost students, all ended the time period spending more for each pupil than they did in 1993-94. Between 1993 and 2005, per-pupil spending in Kansas increased by 62 percent. The typical district increased per-pupil spending anywhere from 31 to 60 percent. Another substantial block of districts increased spending by over 60 percent. (See Appendix 4.)



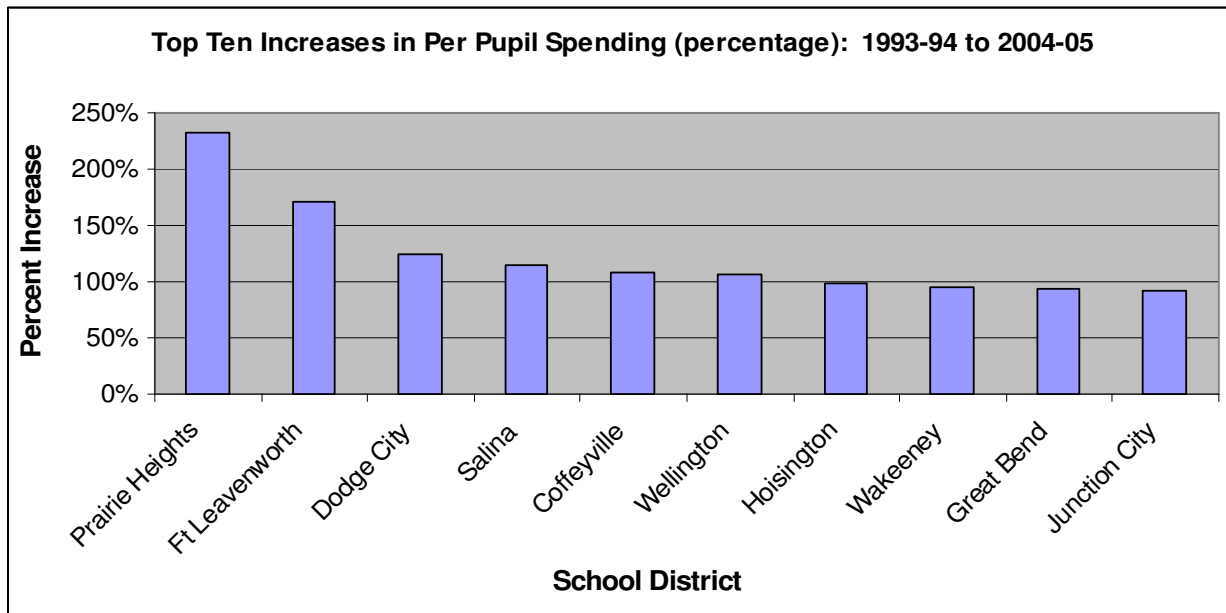


***Top Ten Increases in Per-Pupil Spending***

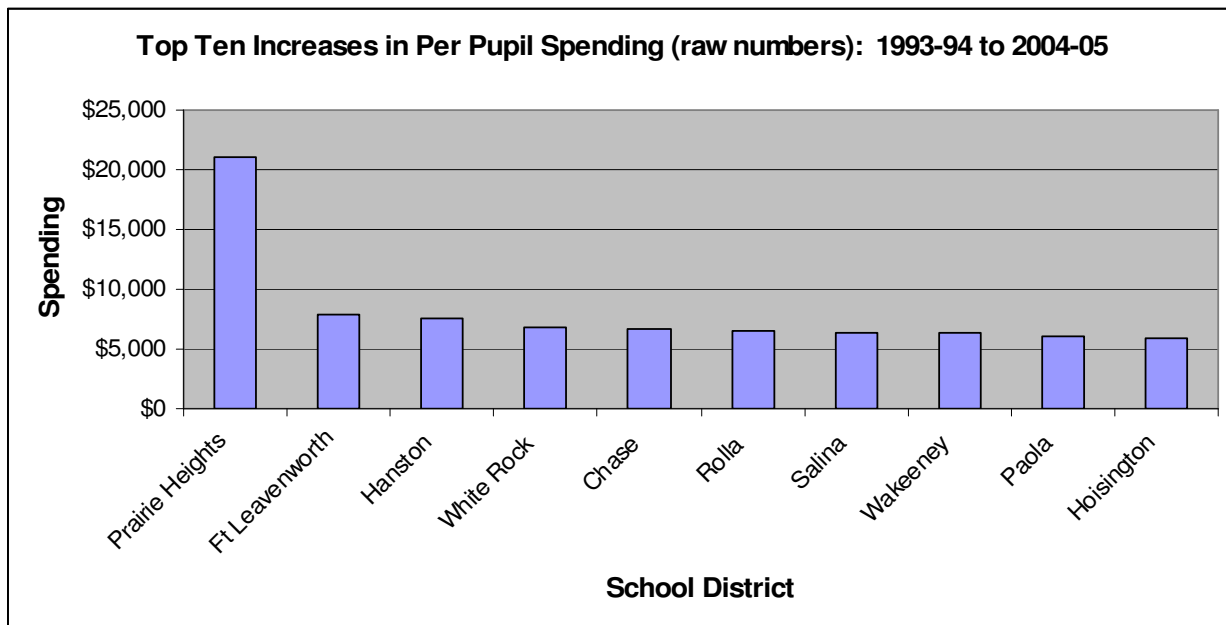
Now let's take a look at the top ten districts in changes in per-pupil spending, both in percentages and raw numbers.

The following two graphs show the ten districts that increased their per-pupil spending the most, both in percentage increases and in dollar increases.





When it comes to raw numbers rather than percentage changes, western Kansas appeared in the top ten. Six of the districts are in the west (Prairie Heights, Dodge City, Salina, Hoisington, Wakeeney, and Great Bend). (See data in Appendix 5.)





### Spending and Performance

How have schools responded to changes in enrollment and increases in funding? As might be expected, some have performed better than others.

In order to compare district performance this report considers per-pupil spending and proficiency test scores. Though there are many different tests that could be used to compare districts, this report uses the percentage of eighth grade students in a district who score proficient or better on the state reading assessment. This assessment was chosen because reading is a fundamental skill, and variations in district performance are obvious at that grade.

The second data point is per-pupil spending. To smooth out any unusual spending amounts in a given year, a four-year average is used: the year of the most recently available test and the three years prior to that. By selecting an average, we can capture more data than just the spending that took place when the students took the tests in the 2004-05 school year.

Finally, the performance of the school is computed by calculating the per-pupil spending required to produce each percentage of the student body that scored “proficient” or higher on the state test. The per-pupil spending level for each district is divided by its proficiency percentage to derive the number “spending per point.” For comparison purposes, the percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches also is included in the data.

| <b>Cost-Effectiveness of School Districts</b><br><b>Per-Pupil Spending for Each Proficiency Percentage Point</b><br><b>2004-05 School Year</b> |                          |   |  |                           |                                |
|--|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b>          | <b>Per-Pupil Spending Average 2001-2005</b> | <b>8th Grade Reading Proficiency 2004-05</b> | <b>Spending Per Point</b> | <b>% Free or Reduced lunch</b> |
| 101  | Erie                     | \$ 8,704                                    | 86.1%  | \$ 101.09                 | 43%                            |
| 102  | Cimarron-Ensign          | \$ 8,592                                    | 70.0%  | \$ 122.74                 | 36%                            |
| 103  | Cheylin                  | \$ 11,420                                   | 83.2%  | \$ 137.26                 | 49%                            |
| 104  | White Rock               | \$ 12,659                                   | 100.0%                                       | \$ 126.59                 | 40%                            |
| 200  | Greeley County Schools   | \$ 10,345                                   | 76.0%  | \$ 136.12                 | 41%                            |
| 202  | Turner-Kansas City       | \$ 8,546                                    | 47.0%  | \$ 181.83                 | 49%                            |
| 203  | Piper-Kansas City        | \$ 8,208                                    | 89.0%  | \$ 92.22                  | 7%                             |
| 204  | Bonner Springs           | \$ 8,392                                    | 76.6%  | \$ 109.56                 | 34%                            |
| 205  | Bluestem                 | \$ 9,335                                    | 90.3%  | \$ 103.38                 | 29%                            |
| 206  | Remington-Whitewater     | \$ 8,910                                    | 84.4%  | \$ 105.57                 | 27%                            |
| 207  | Ft Leavenworth           | \$ 10,387                                   | 81.0%  | \$ 128.23                 | 10%                            |
| 208  | Wakeeney                 | \$ 11,400                                   | 72.1%  | \$ 158.11                 | 34%                            |
| 209  | Moscow Public Schools    | \$ 12,400                                   | 49.9%  | \$ 248.50                 | 50%                            |
| 210  | Hugoton Public Schools   | \$ 8,539                                    | 44.3%  | \$ 192.75                 | 49%                            |
| 211  | Norton Community Schools | \$ 8,438                                    | 85.5%  | \$ 98.69                  | 40%                            |



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|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 212        | Northern Valley          | \$ 11,098                                   | 81.2%  | \$ 136.67                 | 56%                            |
| 213        | West Solomon Valley      | \$ 13,237                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 48%                            |
| 214        | Ulysses                  | \$ 8,166                                    | 66.2%  | \$ 123.35                 | 49%                            |
| 215        | Lakin                    | \$ 10,163                                   | 62.3%  | \$ 163.13                 | 35%                            |
| 216        | Deerfield                | \$ 10,861                                   | 91.5%  | \$ 118.70                 | 58%                            |
| 217        | Rolla                    | \$ 14,495                                   | 82.2%  | \$ 176.34                 | 55%                            |
| 218        | Elkhart                  | \$ 10,241                                   | 75.4%  | \$ 135.82                 | 28%                            |
| 219        | Minneola                 | \$ 9,734                                    | 84.0%  | \$ 115.88                 | 36%                            |
| 220        | Ashland                  | \$ 10,778                                   | 66.6%  | \$ 161.83                 | 48%                            |
| 221        | North Central            | \$ 13,378                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 42%                            |
| 222        | Washington Schools       | \$ 10,771                                   | 96.2%  | \$ 111.96                 | 39%                            |
| 223        | Barnes                   | \$ 10,286                                   | 94.6%  | \$ 108.73                 | 37%                            |
| 224        | Clifton-Clyde            | \$ 9,521                                    | 80.6%  | \$ 118.13                 | 35%                            |
| 225        | Fowler                   | \$ 12,151                                   | 54.4%  | \$ 223.36                 | 52%                            |
| 226        | Meade                    | \$ 8,924                                    | 91.3%  | \$ 97.74                  | 35%                            |
| 227        | Jetmore                  | \$ 9,218                                    | 87.4%  | \$ 105.47                 | 35%                            |
| 228        | Hanston                  | \$ 13,276                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 37%                            |
| 229        | Blue Valley              | \$ 10,190                                   | 89.3%  | \$ 114.11                 | 3%                             |
| 230        | Spring Hill              | \$ 8,783                                    | 90.9%  | \$ 96.62                  | 13%                            |
| 231        | Gardner Edgerton         | \$ 9,507                                    | 87.4%  | \$ 108.78                 | 22%                            |
| 232        | De Soto                  | \$ 9,629                                    | 88.8%  | \$ 108.43                 | 13%                            |
| 233        | Olathe                   | \$ 9,202                                    | 87.6%  | \$ 105.05                 | 14%                            |
| 234        | Fort Scott               | \$ 7,339                                    | 65.0%  | \$ 112.91                 | 52%                            |
| 235        | Uniontown                | \$ 9,335                                    | 57.1%  | \$ 163.49                 | 48%                            |
| 237        | Smith Center             | \$ 9,605                                    | 81.0%  | \$ 118.58                 | 42%                            |
| 238        | West Smith County        | \$ 10,437                                   | 72.1%  | \$ 144.76                 | 40%                            |
| 239        | North Ottawa County      | \$ 8,639                                    | 87.5%  | \$ 98.73                  | 37%                            |
| 240        | Twin Valley              | \$ 8,873                                    | 77.5%  | \$ 114.49                 | 31%                            |
| 241        | Wallace County Schools   | \$ 10,853                                   | 77.7%  | \$ 139.68                 | 46%                            |
| 242        | Weskan                   | \$ 11,458                                   | 84.5%  | \$ 135.60                 | 38%                            |
| 243        | Lebo-Waverly             | \$ 9,036                                    | 57.5%  | \$ 157.15                 | 33%                            |
| 244        | Burlington               | \$ 11,632                                   | 82.3%  | \$ 141.34                 | 33%                            |
| 245        | LeRoy-Gridley            | \$ 10,010                                   | 76.3%  | \$ 131.19                 | 39%                            |
| 246        | Northeast                | \$ 8,819                                    | 73.2%  | \$ 120.48                 | 61%                            |
| 247        | Cherokee                 | \$ 8,067                                    | 80.4%  | \$ 100.34                 | 44%                            |
| 248        | Girard                   | \$ 8,181                                    | 85.8%  | \$ 95.35                  | 34%                            |
| 249        | Frontenac Public Schools | \$ 7,779                                    | 86.8%  | \$ 89.62                  | 35%                            |



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|------------|----------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 250        | Pittsburg            | \$ 9,292                                    | 74.9%  | \$ 124.06                 | 54%                            |
| 251        | North Lyon County    | \$ 9,337                                    | 91.1%  | \$ 102.49                 | 34%                            |
| 252        | Southern Lyon County | \$ 9,727                                    | 77.2%  | \$ 126.00                 | 30%                            |
| 253        | Emporia              | \$ 9,876                                    | 69.9%  | \$ 141.29                 | 58%                            |
| 254        | Barber County North  | \$ 9,229                                    | 82.9%  | \$ 111.33                 | 34%                            |
| 255        | South Barber         | \$ 9,529                                    | 84.1%  | \$ 113.31                 | 41%                            |
| 256        | Marmaton Valley      | \$ 9,543                                    | 90.5%  | \$ 105.45                 | 51%                            |
| 257        | Iola                 | \$ 8,671                                    | 68.1%  | \$ 127.33                 | 49%                            |
| 258        | Humboldt             | \$ 9,995                                    | 84.7%  | \$ 118.00                 | 43%                            |
| 259        | Wichita              | \$ 8,933                                    | 66.9%  | \$ 133.53                 | 66%                            |
| 260        | Derby                | \$ 7,782                                    | 68.8%  | \$ 113.11                 | 34%                            |
| 261        | Haysville            | \$ 7,807                                    | 60.1%  | \$ 129.90                 | 36%                            |
| 262        | Valley Center        | \$ 7,276                                    | 72.0%  | \$ 101.06                 | 23%                            |
| 263        | Mulvane              | \$ 6,945                                    | 74.2%  | \$ 93.60                  | 24%                            |
| 264        | Clearwater           | \$ 7,643                                    | 88.2%  | \$ 86.66                  | 19%                            |
| 265        | Goddard              | \$ 7,635                                    | 87.0%  | \$ 87.76                  | 17%                            |
| 266        | Maize                | \$ 7,420                                    | 80.2%  | \$ 92.52                  | 9%                             |
| 267        | Renwick              | \$ 8,202                                    | 91.3%  | \$ 89.84                  | 19%                            |
| 268        | Cheney               | \$ 9,244                                    | 93.4%  | \$ 98.97                  | 19%                            |
| 269        | Palco                | \$ 12,511                                   | 99.8%  | \$ 125.36                 | 44%                            |
| 270        | Plainville           | \$ 9,752                                    | 80.4%  | \$ 121.29                 | 39%                            |
| 271        | Stockton             | \$ 9,031                                    | 59.3%  | \$ 152.29                 | 47%                            |
| 272        | Waconda              | \$ 10,011                                   | 96.6%  | \$ 103.63                 | 44%                            |
| 273        | Beloit               | \$ 13,326                                   | 54.3%  | \$ 245.41                 | 31%                            |
| 274        | Oakley               | \$ 9,375                                    | 85.6%  | \$ 109.52                 | 38%                            |
| 275        | Triplains            | \$ 13,793                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 46%                            |
| 278        | Mankato              | \$ 10,288                                   | 58.2%  | \$ 176.77                 | 44%                            |
| 279        | Jewell               | \$ 12,045                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 44%                            |
| 281        | Hill City            | \$ 10,468                                   | 66.6%  | \$ 157.18                 | 39%                            |
| 282        | West Elk             | \$ 12,096                                   | 63.2%  | \$ 191.39                 | 53%                            |
| 283        | Elk Valley           | \$ 10,984                                   | 74.9%  | \$ 146.65                 | 69%                            |
| 284        | Chase County         | \$ 10,224                                   | 93.2%  | \$ 109.70                 | 42%                            |
| 285        | Cedar Vale           | \$ 10,417                                   | 90.8%  | \$ 114.72                 | 54%                            |
| 286        | Chautauqua County    | \$ 9,119                                    | 51.5%  | \$ 177.07                 | 51%                            |
| 287        | West Franklin        | \$ 8,442                                    | 69.2%  | \$ 121.99                 | 40%                            |
| 288        | Central Heights      | \$ 8,264                                    | 79.4%  | \$ 104.08                 | 34%                            |
| 289        | Wellsville           | \$ 9,794                                    | 78.4%  | \$ 124.92                 | 23%                            |



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| 290        | Ottawa                    | \$ 7,494                                    | 85.7%  | \$ 87.44                  | 35%                            |
| 291        | Grinnell Public Schools   | \$ 11,311                                   | 90.0%  | \$ 125.68                 | 26%                            |
| 292        | Wheatland                 | \$ 10,535                                   | 64.2%  | \$ 164.10                 | 48%                            |
| 293        | Quinter Public Schools    | \$ 10,959                                   | 91.5%  | \$ 119.77                 | 30%                            |
| 294        | Oberlin                   | \$ 10,146                                   | 54.2%  | \$ 187.20                 | 38%                            |
| 295        | Prairie Heights           | \$ 18,322                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 48%                            |
| 297        | St Francis Community      | \$ 8,961                                    | 88.8%  | \$ 100.91                 | 39%                            |
| 298        | Lincoln                   | \$ 10,011                                   | 70.8%  | \$ 141.40                 | 41%                            |
| 299        | Sylvan Grove              | \$ 10,808                                   | 91.6%  | \$ 117.99                 | 43%                            |
| 300        | Comanche County           | \$ 10,770                                   | 88.2%  | \$ 122.11                 | 34%                            |
| 303        | Ness City                 | \$ 9,278                                    | 80.0%  | \$ 115.98                 | 24%                            |
| 305        | Salina                    | \$ 11,722                                   | 70.9%  | \$ 165.33                 | 46%                            |
| 306        | Southeast Of Saline       | \$ 8,286                                    | 84.5%  | \$ 98.06                  | 21%                            |
| 307        | Ell-Saline                | \$ 9,470                                    | 61.9%  | \$ 152.99                 | 32%                            |
| 308        | Hutchinson Public Schools | \$ 8,362                                    | 72.0%  | \$ 116.14                 | 51%                            |
| 309        | Nickerson                 | \$ 8,756                                    | 80.8%  | \$ 108.37                 | 47%                            |
| 310        | Fairfield                 | \$ 10,485                                   | 78.9%  | \$ 132.89                 | 56%                            |
| 311        | Pretty Prairie            | \$ 9,536                                    | 96.0%  | \$ 99.33                  | 28%                            |
| 312        | Haven Public Schools      | \$ 8,691                                    | 82.6%  | \$ 105.22                 | 37%                            |
| 313        | Buhler                    | \$ 7,920                                    | 86.1%  | \$ 91.99                  | 32%                            |
| 314        | Brewster                  | \$ 11,385                                   | 66.6%  | \$ 170.95                 | 36%                            |
| 315        | Colby Public Schools      | \$ 8,542                                    | 79.4%  | \$ 107.58                 | 35%                            |
| 316        | Golden Plains             | \$ 10,358                                   | 82.2%  | \$ 126.01                 | 61%                            |
| 320        | Wamego                    | \$ 10,086                                   | 87.9%  | \$ 114.74                 | 25%                            |
| 321        | Kaw Valley                | \$ 9,852                                    | 85.9%  | \$ 114.69                 | 30%                            |
| 322        | Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton | \$ 9,729                                    | 85.0%  | \$ 114.46                 | 32%                            |
| 323        | Rock Creek                | \$ 8,841                                    | 98.2%  | \$ 90.03                  | 29%                            |
| 324        | Eastern Heights           | \$ 10,813                                   | N/A  | NA                        | 47%                            |
| 325        | Phillipsburg              | \$ 9,555                                    | 80.2%  | \$ 119.14                 | 38%                            |
| 326        | Logan                     | \$ 11,604                                   | 72.5%  | \$ 160.06                 | 52%                            |
| 327        | Ellsworth                 | \$ 9,314                                    | 74.9%  | \$ 124.35                 | 27%                            |
| 328        | Lorraine                  | \$ 11,070                                   | 88.0%  | \$ 125.80                 | 43%                            |
| 329        | Mill Creek Valley         | \$ 10,628                                   | 97.1%  | \$ 109.45                 | 24%                            |
| 330        | Mission Valley            | \$ 10,183                                   | 72.0%  | \$ 141.43                 | 31%                            |
| 331        | Kingman - Norwich         | \$ 8,490                                    | 71.5%  | \$ 118.74                 | 37%                            |
| 332        | Cunningham                | \$ 10,941                                   | 70.0%  | \$ 156.30                 | 42%                            |
| 333        | Concordia                 | \$ 10,677                                   | 80.1%  | \$ 133.30                 | 47%                            |



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| 334        | Southern Cloud           | \$ 10,384                                   | 85.0%  | \$ 122.16                 | 49%                            |
| 335        | North Jackson            | \$ 8,174                                    | 80.5%  | \$ 101.54                 | 32%                            |
| 336        | Holton                   | \$ 10,663                                   | 65.7%  | \$ 162.30                 | 26%                            |
| 337        | Royal Valley             | \$ 9,263                                    | 81.4%  | \$ 113.80                 | 40%                            |
| 338        | Valley Falls             | \$ 8,603                                    | 74.9%  | \$ 114.86                 | 26%                            |
| 339        | Jefferson County North   | \$ 9,667                                    | 60.0%  | \$ 161.12                 | 23%                            |
| 340        | Jefferson West           | \$ 8,454                                    | 90.8%  | \$ 93.11                  | 22%                            |
| 341        | Oskaloosa Public Schools | \$ 9,248                                    | 85.9%  | \$ 107.66                 | 34%                            |
| 342        | McLouth                  | \$ 8,524                                    | 78.0%  | \$ 109.28                 | 25%                            |
| 343        | Perry Public Schools     | \$ 8,679                                    | 73.4%  | \$ 118.24                 | 29%                            |
| 344        | Pleasanton               | \$ 8,834                                    | 53.1%  | \$ 166.37                 | 46%                            |
| 345        | Seaman                   | \$ 7,740                                    | 72.8%  | \$ 106.32                 | 23%                            |
| 346        | Jayhawk                  | \$ 9,666                                    | 70.5%  | \$ 137.11                 | 42%                            |
| 347        | Kinsley-Offerle          | \$ 10,865                                   | 72.0%  | \$ 150.90                 | 48%                            |
| 348        | Baldwin City             | \$ 8,352                                    | 94.7%  | \$ 88.19                  | 19%                            |
| 349        | Stafford                 | \$ 11,292                                   | 88.8%  | \$ 127.16                 | 60%                            |
| 350        | St John-Hudson           | \$ 9,322                                    | 84.2%  | \$ 110.71                 | 39%                            |
| 351        | Macksville               | \$ 9,927                                    | 68.4%  | \$ 145.13                 | 51%                            |
| 352        | Goodland                 | \$ 8,329                                    | 71.2%  | \$ 116.98                 | 39%                            |
| 353        | Wellington               | \$ 8,366                                    | 77.1%  | \$ 108.51                 | 46%                            |
| 354        | Clafin                   | \$ 9,238                                    | 86.6%  | \$ 106.67                 | 33%                            |
| 355        | Ellinwood Public Schools | \$ 9,287                                    | 84.5%  | \$ 109.91                 | 39%                            |
| 356        | Conway Springs           | \$ 9,635                                    | 76.0%  | \$ 126.78                 | 27%                            |
| 357        | Belle Plaine             | \$ 9,295                                    | 83.2%  | \$ 111.72                 | 39%                            |
| 358        | Oxford                   | \$ 9,859                                    | 75.7%  | \$ 130.24                 | 34%                            |
| 359        | Argonia Public Schools   | \$ 10,280                                   | 68.7%  | \$ 149.64                 | 46%                            |
| 360        | Caldwell                 | \$ 10,943                                   | 94.6%  | \$ 115.68                 | 49%                            |
| 361        | Anthony-Harper           | \$ 8,740                                    | 83.5%  | \$ 104.67                 | 50%                            |
| 362        | Prairie View             | \$ 10,408                                   | 75.8%  | \$ 137.31                 | 33%                            |
| 363        | Holcomb                  | \$ 10,611                                   | 91.8%  | \$ 115.59                 | 40%                            |
| 364        | Marysville               | \$ 9,846                                    | 73.4%  | \$ 134.14                 | 30%                            |
| 365        | Garnett                  | \$ 8,696                                    | 59.9%  | \$ 145.18                 | 44%                            |
| 366        | Woodson                  | \$ 8,971                                    | 86.0%  | \$ 104.31                 | 50%                            |
| 367        | Osawatomie               | \$ 8,598                                    | 79.0%  | \$ 108.84                 | 51%                            |
| 368        | Paola                    | \$ 12,044                                   | 80.5%  | \$ 149.61                 | 23%                            |
| 369        | Burrton                  | \$ 10,391                                   | 84.0%  | \$ 123.70                 | 49%                            |
| 371        | Montezuma                | \$ 11,754                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 46%                            |



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|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 372        | Silver Lake              | \$ 8,977                                    | 94.9%  | \$ 94.59                  | 12%                            |
| 373        | Newton                   | \$ 8,629                                    | 85.5%  | \$ 100.92                 | 45%                            |
| 374        | Sublette                 | \$ 10,443                                   | 54.7%  | \$ 190.91                 | 50%                            |
| 375        | Circle                   | \$ 8,638                                    | 91.4%  | \$ 94.51                  | 25%                            |
| 376        | Sterling                 | \$ 9,157                                    | 76.6%  | \$ 119.54                 | 43%                            |
| 377        | Atchison Co Community    | \$ 8,526                                    | 64.7%  | \$ 131.78                 | 39%                            |
| 378        | Riley County             | \$ 9,074                                    | 88.3%  | \$ 102.76                 | 30%                            |
| 379        | Clay Center              | \$ 9,325                                    | 76.6%  | \$ 121.74                 | 35%                            |
| 380        | Vermillion               | \$ 9,592                                    | 84.3%  | \$ 113.78                 | 28%                            |
| 381        | Spearville               | \$ 8,853                                    | 95.2%  | \$ 92.99                  | 23%                            |
| 382        | Pratt                    | \$ 8,207                                    | 87.4%  | \$ 93.90                  | 40%                            |
| 383        | Manhattan-Ogden          | \$ 9,659                                    | 82.8%  | \$ 116.65                 | 31%                            |
| 384        | Blue Valley              | \$ 10,698                                   | 58.2%  | \$ 183.81                 | 25%                            |
| 385        | Andover                  | \$ 8,240                                    | 89.3%  | \$ 92.27                  | 11%                            |
| 386        | Madison-Virgil           | \$ 9,806                                    | 75.0%  | \$ 130.75                 | 48%                            |
| 387        | Altoona-Midway           | \$ 10,392                                   | 74.9%  | \$ 138.74                 | 51%                            |
| 388        | Ellis                    | \$ 9,078                                    | 94.0%  | \$ 96.57                  | 35%                            |
| 389        | Eureka                   | \$ 10,276                                   | 78.6%  | \$ 130.74                 | 44%                            |
| 390        | Hamilton                 | \$ 11,358                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 61%                            |
| 392        | Osborne County           | \$ 9,245                                    | 77.7%  | \$ 118.98                 | 45%                            |
| 393        | Solomon                  | \$ 9,303                                    | 68.4%  | \$ 136.01                 | 36%                            |
| 394        | Rose Hill Public Schools | \$ 7,134                                    | 90.8%  | \$ 78.57                  | 16%                            |
| 395        | LaCrosse                 | \$ 9,080                                    | 65.2%  | \$ 139.26                 | 43%                            |
| 396        | Douglass Public Schools  | \$ 8,473                                    | 79.0%  | \$ 107.25                 | 27%                            |
| 397        | Centre                   | \$ 10,790                                   | 60.7%  | \$ 177.76                 | 37%                            |
| 398        | Peabody-Burns            | \$ 9,532                                    | 71.6%  | \$ 133.13                 | 38%                            |
| 399        | Paradise                 | \$ 12,695                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 56%                            |
| 400        | Smoky Valley             | \$ 8,829                                    | 87.4%  | \$ 101.02                 | 25%                            |
| 401        | Chase-Raymond            | \$ 13,093                                   | 75.0%  | \$ 174.57                 | 60%                            |
| 402        | Augusta                  | \$ 7,405                                    | 78.1%  | \$ 94.81                  | 29%                            |
| 403        | Otis-Bison               | \$ 10,699                                   | 82.2%  | \$ 130.16                 | 39%                            |
| 404        | Riverton                 | \$ 8,660                                    | 91.0%  | \$ 95.16                  | 46%                            |
| 405        | Lyons                    | \$ 11,169                                   | 96.3%  | \$ 115.98                 | 61%                            |
| 406        | Wathena                  | \$ 8,156                                    | 78.0%  | \$ 104.56                 | 25%                            |
| 407        | Russell County           | \$ 8,680                                    | 84.9%  | \$ 102.24                 | 39%                            |
| 408        | Marion-Florence          | \$ 9,045                                    | 89.2%  | \$ 101.40                 | 40%                            |
| 409        | Atchison Public Schools  | \$ 10,340                                   | 83.2%  | \$ 124.28                 | 55%                            |



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|------------|-------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 410        | Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh | \$ 9,410                                    | 93.0%  | \$ 101.18                 | 32%                            |
| 411        | Goessel                 | \$ 10,481                                   | 95.3%  | \$ 109.98                 | 25%                            |
| 412        | Hoxie Community Schools | \$ 10,380                                   | 82.8%  | \$ 125.36                 | 22%                            |
| 413        | Chanute Public Schools  | \$ 7,886                                    | 76.0%  | \$ 103.76                 | 46%                            |
| 415        | Hiawatha                | \$ 9,170                                    | 89.3%  | \$ 102.69                 | 42%                            |
| 416        | Louisburg               | \$ 8,955                                    | 84.3%  | \$ 106.23                 | 14%                            |
| 417        | Morris County           | \$ 8,580                                    | 78.3%  | \$ 109.58                 | 43%                            |
| 418        | McPherson               | \$ 8,969                                    | 87.2%  | \$ 102.86                 | 24%                            |
| 419        | Canton-Galva            | \$ 10,127                                   | 85.5%  | \$ 118.44                 | 28%                            |
| 420        | Osage City              | \$ 7,937                                    | 76.0%  | \$ 104.43                 | 38%                            |
| 421        | Lyndon                  | \$ 8,706                                    | 64.2%  | \$ 135.61                 | 27%                            |
| 422        | Greensburg              | \$ 9,575                                    | 88.0%  | \$ 108.81                 | 37%                            |
| 423        | Moundridge              | \$ 10,072                                   | 86.0%  | \$ 117.12                 | 20%                            |
| 424        | Mullinville             | \$ 12,198                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 51%                            |
| 425        | Highland                | \$ 9,695                                    | N/A  | N/A                       | 28%                            |
| 426        | Pike Valley             | \$ 9,707                                    | 99.8%  | \$ 97.26                  | 47%                            |
| 427        | Republic County         | \$ 9,899                                    | 85.6%  | \$ 115.64                 | 39%                            |
| 428        | Great Bend              | \$ 9,142                                    | 80.5%  | \$ 113.57                 | 52%                            |
| 429        | Troy Public Schools     | \$ 8,780                                    | 68.1%  | \$ 128.93                 | 34%                            |
| 430        | South Brown County      | \$ 9,954                                    | 80.6%  | \$ 123.50                 | 52%                            |
| 431        | Hoisington              | \$ 13,717                                   | 84.6%  | \$ 162.14                 | 50%                            |
| 432        | Victoria                | \$ 10,214                                   | 93.2%  | \$ 109.59                 | 15%                            |
| 433        | Midway Schools          | \$ 9,580                                    | 67.5%  | \$ 141.93                 | 37%                            |
| 434        | Santa Fe Trail          | \$ 8,592                                    | 83.5%  | \$ 102.90                 | 36%                            |
| 435        | Abilene                 | \$ 7,631                                    | 76.4%  | \$ 99.88                  | 41%                            |
| 436        | Caney Valley            | \$ 7,670                                    | 69.7%  | \$ 110.04                 | 39%                            |
| 437        | Auburn Washburn         | \$ 8,308                                    | 80.8%  | \$ 102.82                 | 22%                            |
| 438        | Skyline Schools         | \$ 8,701                                    | 69.4%  | \$ 125.37                 | 34%                            |
| 439        | Sedgwick Public Schools | \$ 8,013                                    | 88.2%  | \$ 90.85                  | 21%                            |
| 440        | Halstead                | \$ 8,251                                    | 93.2%  | \$ 88.53                  | 32%                            |
| 441        | Sabetha                 | \$ 8,648                                    | 93.1%  | \$ 92.89                  | 26%                            |
| 442        | Nemaha Valley Schools   | \$ 10,741                                   | 89.9%  | \$ 119.48                 | 22%                            |
| 443        | Dodge City              | \$ 9,127                                    | 61.2%  | \$ 149.13                 | 69%                            |
| 444        | Little River            | \$ 10,648                                   | 94.6%  | \$ 112.56                 | 32%                            |
| 445        | Coffeyville             | \$ 8,343                                    | 62.9%  | \$ 132.64                 | 59%                            |
| 446        | Independence            | \$ 7,242                                    | 69.8%  | \$ 103.75                 | 50%                            |
| 447        | Cherryvale              | \$ 9,270                                    | 74.4%  | \$ 124.60                 | 51%                            |



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|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 448        | Inman                    | \$ 9,454                                    | 78.3%  | \$ 120.74                 | 19%                            |
| 449        | Easton                   | \$ 9,109                                    | 59.9%  | \$ 152.07                 | 18%                            |
| 450        | Shawnee Heights          | \$ 7,952                                    | 83.9%  | \$ 94.78                  | 22%                            |
| 451        | B & B                    | \$ 9,217                                    | 100.0%                                       | \$ 92.17                  | 31%                            |
| 452        | Stanton County           | \$ 10,008                                   | 81.6%  | \$ 122.65                 | 53%                            |
| 453        | Leavenworth              | \$ 10,136                                   | 69.1%  | \$ 146.69                 | 48%                            |
| 454        | Burlingame Public School | \$ 9,560                                    | 60.5%  | \$ 158.02                 | 32%                            |
| 455        | Hillcrest Rural Schools  | \$ 13,195                                   | 60.0%  | \$ 219.92                 | 56%                            |
| 456        | Marais Des Cygnes Valley | \$ 9,489                                    | 69.4%  | \$ 136.73                 | 56%                            |
| 457        | Garden City              | \$ 8,934                                    | 56.8%  | \$ 157.29                 | 58%                            |
| 458        | Basehor-Linwood          | \$ 7,371                                    | 89.2%  | \$ 82.63                  | 7%                             |
| 459        | Bucklin                  | \$ 9,580                                    | 60.0%  | \$ 159.67                 | 41%                            |
| 460        | Hesston                  | \$ 8,878                                    | 95.4%  | \$ 93.06                  | 19%                            |
| 461        | Neodesha                 | \$ 9,410                                    | 80.4%  | \$ 117.04                 | 46%                            |
| 462        | Central                  | \$ 10,242                                   | 70.4%  | \$ 145.48                 | 34%                            |
| 463        | Udall                    | \$ 9,157                                    | 76.5%  | \$ 119.70                 | 35%                            |
| 464        | Tonganoxie               | \$ 7,272                                    | 84.6%  | \$ 85.96                  | 19%                            |
| 465        | Winfield                 | \$ 10,018                                   | 78.8%  | \$ 127.13                 | 43%                            |
| 466        | Scott County             | \$ 9,449                                    | 99.8%  | \$ 94.68                  | 42%                            |
| 467        | Leoti                    | \$ 9,099                                    | 73.5%  | \$ 123.80                 | 39%                            |
| 468        | Healy Public Schools     | \$ 12,841                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 41%                            |
| 469        | Lansing                  | \$ 7,132                                    | 95.7%  | \$ 74.52                  | 7%                             |
| 470        | Arkansas City            | \$ 7,527                                    | 71.9%  | \$ 104.69                 | 58%                            |
| 471        | Dexter                   | \$ 9,412                                    | 75.0%  | \$ 125.49                 | 43%                            |
| 473        | Chapman                  | \$ 8,601                                    | 70.9%  | \$ 121.31                 | 34%                            |
| 474        | Haviland                 | \$ 12,462                                   | 70.0%  | \$ 178.03                 | 45%                            |
| 475        | Geary County Schools     | \$ 8,510                                    | 81.1%  | \$ 104.93                 | 54%                            |
| 476        | Copeland                 | \$ 14,034                                   | 85.6%  | \$ 163.95                 | 45%                            |
| 477        | Ingalls                  | \$ 9,386                                    | 77.7%  | \$ 120.80                 | 43%                            |
| 479        | Crest                    | \$ 10,035                                   | 70.0%  | \$ 143.36                 | 41%                            |
| 480        | Liberal                  | \$ 8,157                                    | 69.3%  | \$ 117.71                 | 61%                            |
| 481        | Rural Vista              | \$ 9,201                                    | 88.1%  | \$ 104.44                 | 45%                            |
| 482        | Dighton                  | \$ 10,600                                   | 88.1%  | \$ 120.32                 | 48%                            |
| 483        | Kismet-Plains            | \$ 9,068                                    | 60.4%  | \$ 150.13                 | 62%                            |
| 484        | Fredonia                 | \$ 8,808                                    | 76.6%  | \$ 114.99                 | 48%                            |
| 486        | Elwood                   | \$ 8,929                                    | 74.9%  | \$ 119.21                 | 58%                            |
| 487        | Herington                | \$ 8,533                                    | 80.4%  | \$ 106.13                 | 39%                            |



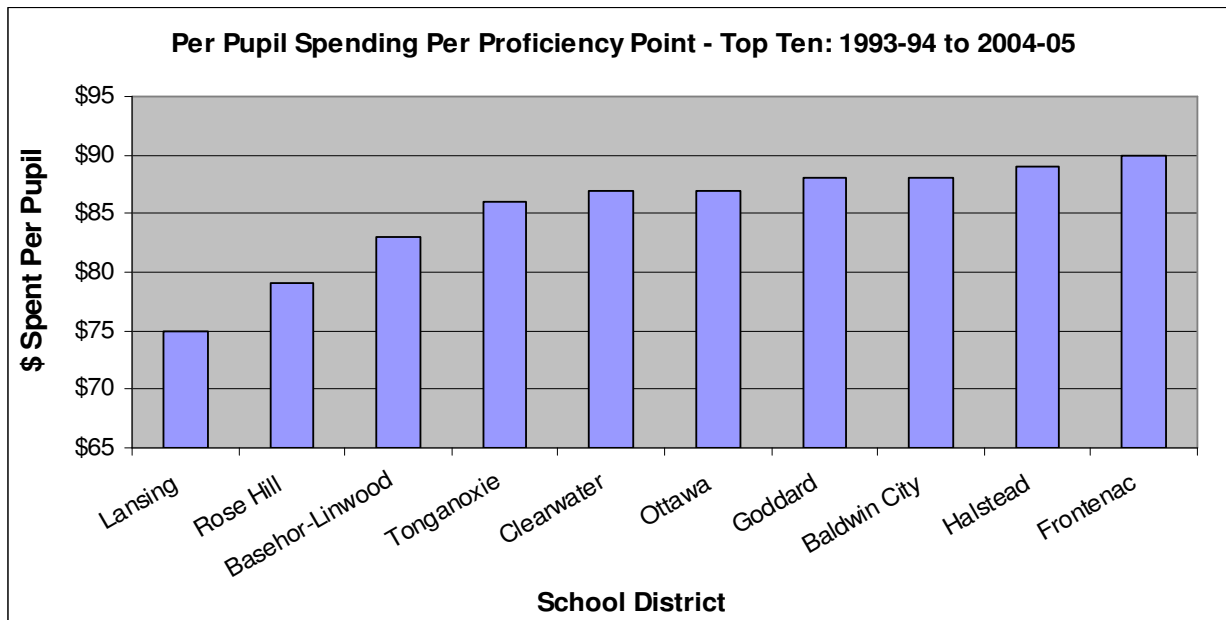


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|------------|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 488        | Axtell                | \$ 10,342                                   | 79.1%  | \$ 130.75                 | 28%                            |
| 489        | Hays                  | \$ 10,049                                   | 92.5%  | \$ 108.64                 | 31%                            |
| 490        | El Dorado             | \$ 11,629                                   | 65.9%  | \$ 176.46                 | 38%                            |
| 491        | Eudora                | \$ 10,135                                   | 79.4%  | \$ 127.64                 | 25%                            |
| 492        | Flinthills            | \$ 10,288                                   | 85.1%  | \$ 120.89                 | 31%                            |
| 493        | Columbus              | \$ 8,668                                    | 92.1%  | \$ 94.12                  | 51%                            |
| 494        | Syracuse              | \$ 11,311                                   | 81.2%  | \$ 139.30                 | 54%                            |
| 495        | Ft Larned             | \$ 11,547                                   | 76.3%  | \$ 151.34                 | 44%                            |
| 496        | Pawnee Heights        | \$ 11,060                                   | 74.9%  | \$ 147.66                 | 44%                            |
| 497        | Lawrence              | \$ 9,375                                    | 76.8%  | \$ 122.07                 | 30%                            |
| 498        | Valley Heights        | \$ 10,818                                   | 89.1%  | \$ 121.41                 | 42%                            |
| 499        | Galena                | \$ 9,609                                    | 79.1%  | \$ 121.48                 | 66%                            |
| 500        | Kansas City           | \$ 9,567                                    | 64.3%  | \$ 148.79                 | 73%                            |
| 501        | Topeka Public Schools | \$ 9,776                                    | 62.7%  | \$ 155.92                 | 63%                            |
| 502        | Lewis                 | \$ 11,134                                   | N/A  | N/A                       | 51%                            |
| 503        | Parsons               | \$ 8,079                                    | 63.1%  | \$ 128.03                 | 56%                            |
| 504        | Oswego                | \$ 9,145                                    | 81.3%  | \$ 112.48                 | 51%                            |
| 505        | Chetopa-St. Paul      | \$ 11,638                                   | 65.6%  | \$ 177.41                 | 78%                            |
| 506        | Labette County        | \$ 7,570                                    | 83.1%  | \$ 91.10                  | 43%                            |
| 507        | Satanta               | \$ 10,079                                   | 66.6%  | \$ 151.34                 | 45%                            |
| 508        | Baxter Springs        | \$ 8,184                                    | 87.8%  | \$ 93.21                  | 47%                            |
| 509        | South Haven           | \$ 10,430                                   | 88.0%  | \$ 118.52                 | 38%                            |
| 511        | Attica                | \$ 11,880                                   | 64.2%  | \$ 185.05                 | 60%                            |
| 512        | Shawnee Mission       | \$ 8,236                                    | 84.1%  | \$ 97.93                  | 16%                            |
|            | State of Kansas       | \$ 9,081                                    | 77.0%  | \$ 118.09                 |                                |

Several items are worth noting when the school districts are compared for their effectiveness. First, the range of dollars required to produce a single percentage point of proficiency is considerable. For the state as a whole, taxpayers spent \$118 per pupil for each point of proficiency.

Some school districts do a better job than others. The rate ranges from the inefficient and high rate of \$248.49 in USD 209 Moscow Public Schools to the much more efficient and lower rate of \$75 in USD 469 Lansing. In this case, being in the “Top Ten” means increased efficiency. Note that fourteen districts could not be included in the comparison for lack of test scores (see notes for details).



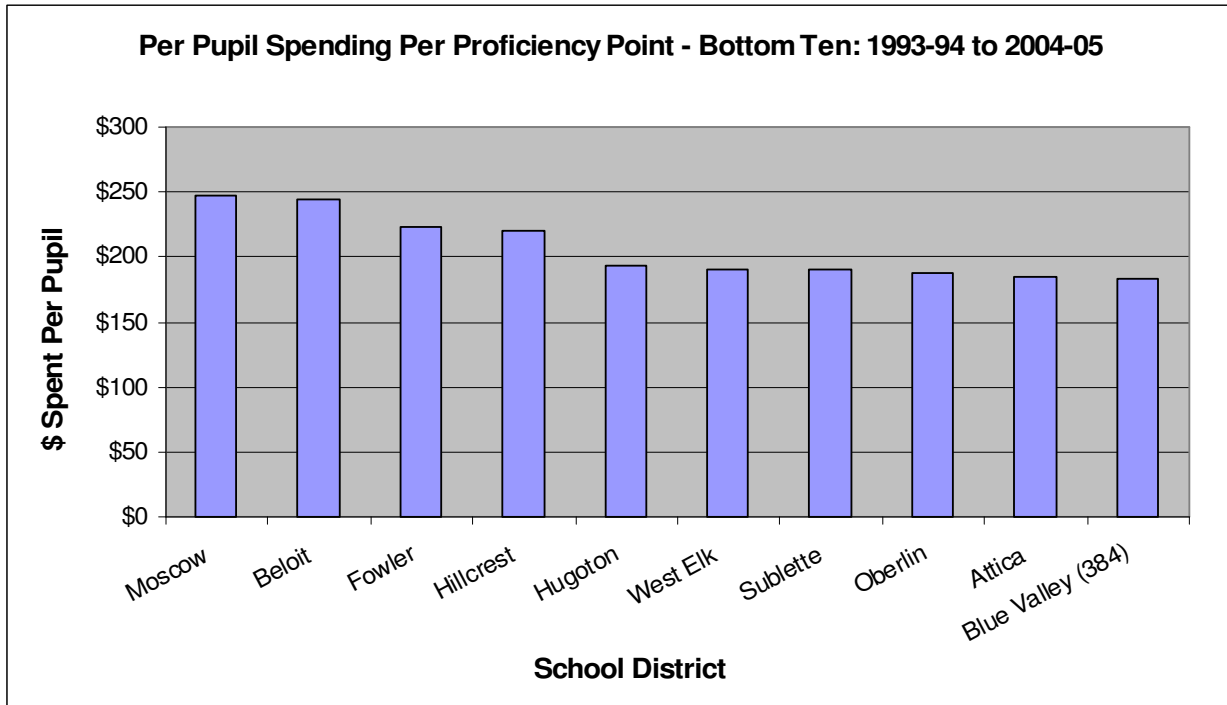


**Per-Pupil Spending for Each Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Better on Eighth-Grade Reading Tests  
Top Ten School Districts  
2004-05 School Year**

| <i>USD</i> | <i>USD Name</i> | <i>Per Pupil Spending Average 2001-2005</i> | <i>8th Grade Reading Proficiency 2004-05</i> | <i>Spending Per Point</i> | <i>% Free or Reduced Lunch</i> | <i>County</i> |
|------------|-----------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 469        | Lansing         | \$ 7,132                                    | 95.7%  | \$ 75                     | 7%                             | Leavenworth   |
| 394        | Rose Hill       | \$ 7,134                                    | 90.8%  | \$ 79                     | 16%                            | Butler        |
| 458        | Basehor-Linwood | \$ 7,371                                    | 89.2%  | \$ 83                     | 7%                             | Leavenworth   |
| 464        | Tonganoxie      | \$ 7,272                                    | 84.6%  | \$ 86                     | 19%                            | Leavenworth   |
| 264        | Clearwater      | \$ 7,643                                    | 88.2%  | \$ 87                     | 19%                            | Sedgwick      |
| 290        | Ottawa          | \$ 7,494                                    | 85.7%  | \$ 87                     | 35%                            | Franklin      |
| 265        | Goddard         | \$ 7,635                                    | 87.0%  | \$ 88                     | 17%                            | Sedgwick      |
| 348        | Baldwin City    | \$ 8,352                                    | 94.7%  | \$ 88                     | 19%                            | Douglas       |
| 440        | Halstead        | \$ 8,251                                    | 93.2%  | \$ 89                     | 32%                            | Harvey        |
| 249        | Frontenac       | \$ 7,779                                    | 86.8%  | \$ 90                     | 35%                            | Crawford      |



Four of the top ten efficient districts are in the Kansas City metropolitan statistical area (USD 469 Lansing, USD 458 Basehor-Linwood, USD 464 Tonganoxie, USD 290 Ottawa), another four are within the Wichita metropolitan statistical area (USD 394 Rose Hill, USD 264 Clearwater, USD 265 Goddard, and USD 440 Halstead), one is in the Douglas metropolitan statistical area (USD 348 Baldwin City). One district is in the southeast (USD 249 Frontenac).



| <b>Per-Pupil Spending for Each Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Better on Eighth-Grade Reading Tests<br/>Bottom Ten School Districts<br/>2004-05 School Year</b> |                 |   |  |                           |                                |               |
|--|-----------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b> | <b>Per Pupil Spending Average 2001-2005</b> | <b>8th Grade Reading Proficiency 2004-05</b> | <b>Spending Per Point</b> | <b>% Free or Reduced Lunch</b> | <b>County</b> |
| 209  | Moscow          | \$ 12,400                                   | 49.9%  | \$ 248                    | 50%                            | Stevens       |
| 273  | Beloit          | \$ 13,326                                   | 54.3%  | \$ 245                    | 31%                            | Mitchell      |
| 225  | Fowler          | \$ 12,151                                   | 54.4%  | \$ 223                    | 52%                            | Meade         |
| 455  | Hillcrest       | \$ 13,195                                   | 60.0%  | \$ 220                    | 56%                            | Republic      |
| 210  | Hugoton         | \$ 8,539                                    | 44.3%  | \$ 193                    | 49%                            | Stevens       |
| 282  | West Elk        | \$ 12,096                                   | 63.2%  | \$ 191                    | 53%                            | Elk           |
| 374  | Sublette        | \$ 10,443                                   | 54.7%  | \$ 191                    | 50%                            | Haskell       |
| 294  | Oberlin         | \$ 10,146                                   | 54.2%  | \$ 187                    | 38%                            | Decatur       |
| 511  | Attica          | \$ 11,880                                   | 64.2%  | \$ 185                    | 60%                            | Harper        |
| 384  | Blue Valley     | \$ 10,698                                   | 58.2%  | \$ 184                    | 25%                            | Riley         |

The districts with the highest dollar-per-proficiency point numbers (the least efficient) are found throughout Kansas. Six of top 10 are in western Kansas (USD 209 Moscow, USD 273 Beloit, USD 225 Fowler, USD 210 Hugoton, USD 294 Oberlin, USD 511 Attica), perhaps reflecting the relative inefficiencies inherent in serving a small number of students scattered over a large geographic area. One district (USD 374 Sublette) is in the Wichita region, while the remainder are scattered throughout eastern Kansas.

Does the poverty rate of a district’s population make a difference? The bottom ten districts do have a higher percentage of students receiving a free or reduced lunch (46 percent) than do the top ten districts (21 percent).

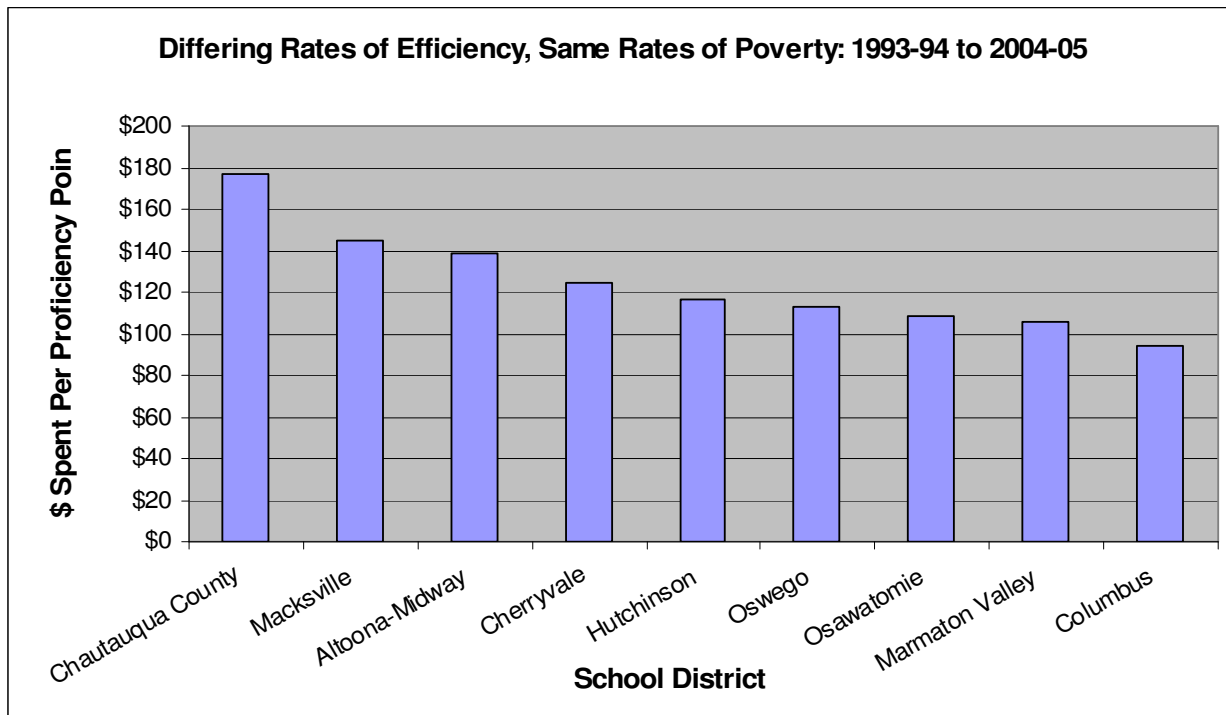
In other words, the greater the percentage of poor students that a district has, the more likely it is to do badly on the proficiency test. On the other hand, there is no significant relationship between district spending and district performance on the assessments.

The fact that poor children are doing worse in school is often used as a justification for higher spending levels. However, the results of the data analysis show that increased spending does not improve school performance. Whatever it is that high-poverty school districts are doing with their funds, it isn't working. It's no surprise, then, that the per-pupil spending of the bottom-ten



performing districts (\$8,643) is not much greater than the average of districts with similar poverty rates (\$8,542).

Even when a group of districts has an identical percentage of free or reduced-lunch students—commonly thought of as a sign that students need more intense schooling—there can be great variation on the dollars-per-proficiency metric. For example, among the nine districts in which 51 percent of students are considered to be in poverty, the dollars-spent-per-proficiency point varies from \$177 to \$94. That is a variation in efficiency of 88 percent.



These districts were found in western Kansas as well as eastern Kansas, and the Kansas City metropolitan area. They achieved very different rates of student proficiency on the eighth-grade reading test. The percentage of students scoring proficient or better ranged from just barely half (51.5 percent) in USD 286 Chautauqua to over 90 percent in USD 256 Marmaton Valley and USD 493 Columbus. These districts also varied in size, from just over 230 students in Altoona-Midway to over 4,600 in Hutchinson.

**Conclusion**

Good intentions are not enough, and simply increasing funding for schools year after year is not sufficient. Since 1993, spending on K-12 education in Kansas has increased by over 60 percent even though enrollment has only increased just over one percent. As a result, there is no single district that spends less money on a per-pupil basis than it did in 1993.

Kansans place a high importance on education, and rightly so. Given the substantial sums they spend on schools, citizens and lawmakers alike must be alert for new opportunities to improve



education. This report has used one indicator of school performance—the proficiency rate for school districts on the state’s eighth-grade reading assessment. Several other indicators could have been used, but we believe that the main points of this review would have remained the same.

Every effort to educate the next generation produces benefits in the future and costs in the present. In no industry or field of human effort are all individuals or organizations equally effective. We should not expect the same from public education. As the dollar to proficiency score metric demonstrates, some school districts are more skilled at producing results than others.

Higher-achieving districts are in some ways an exception to the rules of economics. In many parts of human life, successful organizations win over new customers, keep old ones, and, for profit-making enterprises, gain profits. In the business world, organizations that do not fulfill the test of customer satisfaction go out of business. To a lesser extent, the same happens in the non-profit world as well. But as government institutions, even badly performing schools stick around, trapping children in systems that do not educate.

Kansans should start thinking of schools more like businesses. Organizations that are successful at what they do should grow. Those that fail should shrink or even disappear. If we think of public education as what it truly should be—the education of the public by multiple and diverse ways and methods—then we should not fear the creation of new schools, including new public charter schools.

As long as our model of public education incorporates only the legal entities known as school districts, the power of the customer is muted. People who are unsatisfied with the school must physically move their homestead. This is a serious cost, one that some people, especially the poor, are unable to bear.

The Flint Hills Center for Public Policy anticipates that in time, families will have more options for their children’s education than they do now. These options will include the ability to leave the local school district for public charter schools free of district control, online home schools, private school enrollment assisted by tax credits, and means that we cannot now anticipate.

It is long past time to enlarge the ability of families to choose from a number of educational options in a competitive environment. This could take several avenues, such as tuition tax credits or relaxing the state’s overly stringent rules that hinder the creation of charter schools as a true option to unified school districts. Until these options gain further acceptance, the best recourse that parents have is to seek out information about the local school board, ask tough questions, and use comparisons of school districts to prod administrators and staff to improve.

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**Appendix 1: Change in Enrollment**

| <b>Percentage Change in Enrollment for All Unified School Districts<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                             |                 |                 |               |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b>             | <b>FTE 1994</b> | <b>FTE 2005</b> | <b>Change</b> |
| 101  | Erie-St Paul                | 1,168.5         | 1,070.4         | -8.4%         |
| 102  | Cimarron-Ensign             | 618.8           | 647.2           | 4.6%          |
| 103  | Cheylin                     | 222.5           | 158.5           | -28.8%        |
| 104  | White Rock                  | 194.0           | 122.5           | -36.9%        |
| 200  | Greeley County Schools      | 352.5           | 269.5           | -23.5%        |
| 202  | Turner-Kansas City          | 3,786.4         | 3,650.8         | -3.6%         |
| 203  | Piper-Kansas City           | 1,212.6         | 1,346.0         | 11.0%         |
| 204  | Bonner Springs              | 2,013.0         | 2,179.3         | 8.3%          |
| 205  | Bluestem                    | 823.6           | 718.0           | -12.8%        |
| 206  | Remington-Whitewater        | 550.0           | 523.7           | -4.8%         |
| 207  | Ft Leavenworth              | 1,845.5         | 1,643.5         | -10.9%        |
| 208  | Wakeeney                    | 677.1           | 382.0           | -43.6%        |
| 209  | Moscow Public Schools       | 180.5           | 235.6           | 30.5%         |
| 210  | Hugoton Public Schools      | 976.5           | 1,023.4         | 4.8%          |
| 211  | Norton Community Schools    | 752.0           | 649.4           | -13.6%        |
| 212  | Northern Valley             | 205.0           | 196.5           | -4.1%         |
| 213  | West Solomon Valley Schools | 96.5            | 63.0            | -34.7%        |
| 214  | Ulysses                     | 1,699.1         | 1,691.1         | -0.5%         |
| 215  | Lakin                       | 734.3           | 649.5           | -11.5%        |
| 216  | Deerfield                   | 337.7           | 336.1           | -0.5%         |
| 217  | Rolla                       | 196.5           | 205.5           | 4.6%          |
| 218  | Elkhart                     | 529.5           | 675.7           | 27.6%         |
| 219  | Minneola                    | 258.5           | 266.1           | 2.9%          |
| 220  | Ashland                     | 256.5           | 216.4           | -15.6%        |
| 221  | North Central               | 164.5           | 113.5           | -31.0%        |
| 222  | Washington Schools          | 396.2           | 353.5           | -10.8%        |
| 223  | Barnes                      | 371.3           | 383.6           | 3.3%          |
| 224  | Clifton-Clyde               | 392.0           | 311.0           | -20.7%        |
| 225  | Fowler                      | 153.5           | 163.5           | 6.5%          |
| 226  | Meade                       | 427.5           | 472.6           | 10.5%         |
| 227  | Jetmore                     | 294.5           | 297.0           | 0.8%          |
| 228  | Hanston                     | 151.0           | 91.0            | -39.7%        |
| 229  | Blue Valley                 | 11,569.6        | 18,409.6        | 59.1%         |
| 230  | Spring Hill                 | 1,245.8         | 1,606.8         | 29.0%         |
| 231  | Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch    | 1,803.6         | 3,406.3         | 88.9%         |
| 232  | De Soto                     | 1,829.5         | 4,553.1         | 148.9%        |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>              | <b>FTE 1994</b> | <b>FTE 2005</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 233        | Olathe                       | 15,831.7        | 22,418.0        | 41.6%         |
| 234        | Fort Scott                   | 2,105.0         | 1,960.0         | -6.9%         |
| 235        | Uniontown                    | 458.5           | 430.0           | -6.2%         |
| 237        | Smith Center                 | 631.5           | 455.0           | -27.9%        |
| 238        | West Smith County            | 191.5           | 184.0           | -3.9%         |
| 239        | North Ottawa County          | 728.0           | 539.8           | -25.9%        |
| 240        | Twin Valley                  | 468.5           | 631.0           | 34.7%         |
| 241        | Wallace County Schools       | 298.5           | 223.8           | -25.0%        |
| 242        | Weskan                       | 119.5           | 131.0           | 9.6%          |
| 243        | Lebo-Waverly                 | 578.5           | 566.9           | -2.0%         |
| 244        | Burlington                   | 975.0           | 845.5           | -13.3%        |
| 245        | LeRoy-Gridley                | 351.0           | 258.0           | -26.5%        |
| 246        | Northeast                    | 605.7           | 577.0           | -4.7%         |
| 247        | Cherokee                     | 835.5           | 789.5           | -5.5%         |
| 248        | Girard                       | 1,125.5         | 1,037.5         | -7.8%         |
| 249        | Frontenac Public Schools     | 522.0           | 742.0           | 42.1%         |
| 250        | Pittsburg                    | 2,959.0         | 2,474.8         | -16.4%        |
| 251        | North Lyon County            | 733.0           | 592.5           | -19.2%        |
| 252        | Southern Lyon County         | 599.0           | 573.9           | -4.2%         |
| 253        | Emporia                      | 4,622.0         | 4,593.7         | -0.6%         |
| 254        | Barber County North          | 758.8           | 587.0           | -22.6%        |
| 255        | South Barber                 | 357.0           | 264.5           | -25.9%        |
| 256        | Marmaton Valley              | 375.0           | 373.5           | -0.4%         |
| 257        | Iola                         | 1,833.5         | 1,439.6         | -21.5%        |
| 258        | Humboldt                     | 619.0           | 524.2           | -15.3%        |
| 259        | Wichita                      | 44,792.0        | 45,249.3        | 1.0%          |
| 260        | Derby                        | 6,198.1         | 6,396.8         | 3.2%          |
| 261        | Haysville                    | 3,582.9         | 4,373.5         | 22.1%         |
| 262        | Valley Center Public Schools | 2,146.9         | 2,377.0         | 10.7%         |
| 263        | Mulvane                      | 1,918.2         | 1,872.5         | -2.4%         |
| 264        | Clearwater                   | 1,038.0         | 1,243.8         | 19.8%         |
| 265        | Goddard                      | 2,349.0         | 4,094.7         | 74.3%         |
| 266        | Maize                        | 3,542.4         | 5,740.9         | 62.1%         |
| 267        | Renwick                      | 1,469.0         | 1,932.8         | 31.6%         |
| 268        | Cheney                       | 666.2           | 746.2           | 12.0%         |
| 269        | Palco                        | 178.6           | 142.5           | -20.2%        |
| 270        | Plainville                   | 485.7           | 370.8           | -23.7%        |
| 271        | Stockton                     | 439.0           | 354.0           | -19.4%        |
| 272        | Waconda                      | 581.0           | 338.7           | -41.7%        |
| 273        | Beloit                       | 817.0           | 756.3           | -7.4%         |





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|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 274        | Oakley                       | 503.9           | 410.6           | -18.5%        |
| 275        | Triplains                    | 110.5           | 83.9            | -24.1%        |
| 278        | Mankato                      | 303.0           | 215.2           | -29.0%        |
| 279        | Jewell                       | 203.0           | 168.0           | -17.2%        |
| 281        | Hill City                    | 536.3           | 407.1           | -24.1%        |
| 282        | West Elk                     | 508.5           | 424.8           | -16.5%        |
| 283        | Elk Valley                   | 206.1           | 201.0           | -2.5%         |
| 284        | Chase County                 | 556.7           | 453.0           | -18.6%        |
| 285        | Cedar Vale                   | 174.0           | 164.0           | -5.7%         |
| 286        | Chautauqua County Community  | 470.4           | 425.0           | -9.7%         |
| 287        | West Franklin                | 821.5           | 872.3           | 6.2%          |
| 288        | Central Heights              | 621.3           | 615.6           | -0.9%         |
| 289        | Wellsville                   | 763.5           | 798.6           | 4.6%          |
| 290        | Ottawa                       | 2,329.1         | 2,339.7         | 0.5%          |
| 291        | Grinnell Public Schools      | 165.0           | 120.0           | -27.3%        |
| 292        | Wheatland                    | 167.0           | 183.5           | 9.9%          |
| 293        | Quinter Public Schools       | 370.0           | 331.5           | -10.4%        |
| 294        | Oberlin                      | 613.0           | 432.5           | -29.4%        |
| 295        | Prairie Heights              | 96.5            | 30.5            | -68.4%        |
| 297        | St Francis Community Schools | 435.0           | 326.0           | -25.1%        |
| 298        | Lincoln                      | 405.0           | 358.3           | -11.5%        |
| 299        | Sylvan Grove                 | 195.0           | 162.0           | -16.9%        |
| 300        | Comanche County              | 410.5           | 308.5           | -24.8%        |
| 303        | Ness City                    | 357.5           | 259.0           | -27.6%        |
| 305        | Salina                       | 7,334.7         | 7,122.3         | -2.9%         |
| 306        | Southeast Of Saline          | 609.5           | 686.0           | 12.6%         |
| 307        | Ell-Saline                   | 403.1           | 449.8           | 11.6%         |
| 308        | Hutchinson Public Schools    | 5,156.0         | 4,607.0         | -10.6%        |
| 309        | Nickerson                    | 1,421.8         | 1,094.3         | -23.0%        |
| 310        | Fairfield                    | 477.5           | 377.6           | -20.9%        |
| 311        | Pretty Prairie               | 306.5           | 298.4           | -2.6%         |
| 312        | Haven Public Schools         | 1,165.5         | 1,063.7         | -8.7%         |
| 313        | Buhler                       | 2,199.0         | 2,148.4         | -2.3%         |
| 314        | Brewster                     | 146.5           | 128.8           | -12.1%        |
| 315        | Colby Public Schools         | 1,300.5         | 1,025.4         | -21.2%        |
| 316        | Golden Plains                | 151.5           | 190.8           | 25.9%         |
| 320        | Wamego                       | 1,386.9         | 1,280.4         | -7.7%         |
| 321        | Kaw Valley                   | 1,029.0         | 1,067.5         | 3.7%          |
| 322        | Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton    | 461.5           | 368.0           | -20.3%        |
| 323        | Rock Creek                   | 698.8           | 726.1           | 3.9%          |



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|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 324        | Eastern Heights          | 172.0           | 152.0           | -11.6%        |
| 325        | Phillipsburg             | 729.2           | 607.0           | -16.8%        |
| 326        | Logan                    | 221.0           | 184.0           | -16.7%        |
| 327        | Ellsworth                | 869.0           | 590.0           | -32.1%        |
| 328        | Lorraine                 | 559.1           | 426.0           | -23.8%        |
| 329        | Mill Creek Valley        | 585.3           | 461.5           | -21.2%        |
| 330        | Mission Valley           | 616.0           | 495.5           | -19.6%        |
| 331        | Kingman-Norwich          | 1,227.4         | 1,103.3         | -10.1%        |
| 332        | Cunningham               | 316.5           | 229.0           | -27.6%        |
| 333        | Concordia                | 1,330.5         | 1,056.3         | -20.6%        |
| 334        | Southern Cloud           | 263.0           | 233.5           | -11.2%        |
| 335        | North Jackson            | 411.5           | 421.0           | 2.3%          |
| 336        | Holton                   | 1,001.0         | 1,110.0         | 10.9%         |
| 337        | Royal Valley             | 822.5           | 924.5           | 12.4%         |
| 338        | Valley Falls             | 483.0           | 430.4           | -10.9%        |
| 339        | Jefferson County North   | 453.7           | 490.4           | 8.1%          |
| 340        | Jefferson West           | 846.1           | 950.0           | 12.3%         |
| 341        | Oskaloosa Public Schools | 706.5           | 614.1           | -13.1%        |
| 342        | McLouth                  | 564.5           | 559.1           | -1.0%         |
| 343        | Perry Public Schools     | 995.6           | 965.0           | -3.1%         |
| 344        | Pleasanton               | 420.5           | 399.5           | -5.0%         |
| 345        | Seaman                   | 3,379.5         | 3,318.0         | -1.8%         |
| 346        | Jayhawk                  | 563.5           | 563.2           | -0.1%         |
| 347        | Kinsley-Offerle          | 421.5           | 319.6           | -24.2%        |
| 348        | Baldwin City             | 1,126.7         | 1,305.6         | 15.9%         |
| 349        | Stafford                 | 316.5           | 313.2           | -1.0%         |
| 350        | St John-Hudson           | 472.5           | 402.9           | -14.7%        |
| 351        | Macksville               | 278.5           | 288.4           | 3.6%          |
| 352        | Goodland                 | 1,195.1         | 950.4           | -20.5%        |
| 353        | Wellington               | 2,028.4         | 1,650.7         | -18.6%        |
| 354        | Clafflin                 | 329.0           | 295.5           | -10.2%        |
| 355        | Ellinwood Public Schools | 576.8           | 513.4           | -11.0%        |
| 356        | Conway Springs           | 485.2           | 568.2           | 17.1%         |
| 357        | Belle Plaine             | 773.5           | 770.0           | -0.5%         |
| 358        | Oxford                   | 465.5           | 403.5           | -13.3%        |
| 359        | Argonia Public Schools   | 243.0           | 212.3           | -12.6%        |
| 360        | Caldwell                 | 337.5           | 300.0           | -11.1%        |
| 361        | Anthony-Harper           | 1,052.8         | 909.3           | -13.6%        |
| 362        | Prairie View             | 887.4           | 1,003.1         | 13.0%         |
| 363        | Holcomb                  | 727.5           | 849.7           | 16.8%         |



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|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 364        | Marysville                    | 1,025.5         | 760.2           | -25.9%        |
| 365        | Garnett                       | 1,082.5         | 1,081.5         | -0.1%         |
| 366        | Woodson                       | 631.5           | 498.5           | -21.1%        |
| 367        | Osawatomie                    | 1,137.5         | 1,146.0         | 0.7%          |
| 368        | Paola                         | 1,776.6         | 2,013.4         | 13.3%         |
| 369        | Burrton                       | 291.5           | 254.7           | -12.6%        |
| 371        | Montezuma                     | 181.5           | 242.1           | 33.4%         |
| 372        | Silver Lake                   | 660.1           | 729.0           | 10.4%         |
| 373        | Newton                        | 3,467.3         | 3,461.2         | -0.2%         |
| 374        | Sublette                      | 517.0           | 476.9           | -7.8%         |
| 375        | Circle                        | 1,384.5         | 1,494.8         | 8.0%          |
| 376        | Sterling                      | 549.0           | 504.3           | -8.1%         |
| 377        | Atchison Co Community Schools | 819.5           | 741.0           | -9.6%         |
| 378        | Riley County                  | 645.5           | 642.5           | -0.5%         |
| 379        | Clay Center                   | 1,699.8         | 1,371.3         | -19.3%        |
| 380        | Vermillion                    | 645.5           | 545.5           | -15.5%        |
| 381        | Spearville                    | 305.9           | 341.0           | 11.5%         |
| 382        | Pratt                         | 1,350.0         | 1,127.8         | -16.5%        |
| 383        | Manhattan                     | 6,456.6         | 4,946.3         | -23.4%        |
| 384        | Blue Valley                   | 293.5           | 244.5           | -16.7%        |
| 385        | Andover                       | 1,989.5         | 3,643.2         | 83.1%         |
| 386        | Madison-Virgil                | 296.4           | 242.5           | -18.2%        |
| 387        | Altoona-Midway                | 375.0           | 231.0           | -38.4%        |
| 388        | Ellis                         | 375.2           | 374.2           | -0.3%         |
| 389        | Eureka                        | 849.3           | 676.0           | -20.4%        |
| 390        | Hamilton                      | 125.5           | 108.5           | -13.5%        |
| 392        | Osborne County                | 483.5           | 386.6           | -20.0%        |
| 393        | Solomon                       | 374.5           | 403.4           | 7.7%          |
| 394        | Rose Hill Public Schools      | 1,589.2         | 1,739.5         | 9.5%          |
| 395        | LaCrosse                      | 357.0           | 304.8           | -14.6%        |
| 396        | Douglass Public Schools       | 782.1           | 827.8           | 5.8%          |
| 397        | Centre                        | 288.0           | 256.5           | -10.9%        |
| 398        | Peabody-Burns                 | 442.8           | 414.5           | -6.4%         |
| 399        | Paradise                      | 109.8           | 148.0           | 34.8%         |
| 400        | Smoky Valley                  | 933.0           | 950.1           | 1.8%          |
| 401        | Chase                         | 194.5           | 148.5           | -23.7%        |
| 402        | Augusta                       | 2,193.1         | 2,116.7         | -3.5%         |
| 403        | Otis-Bison                    | 357.0           | 218.0           | -38.9%        |
| 404        | Riverton                      | 743.5           | 818.6           | 10.1%         |
| 405        | Lyons                         | 880.8           | 839.1           | -4.7%         |



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|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 406        | Wathena                 | 485.0           | 374.5           | -22.8%        |
| 407        | Russell County          | 1,204.6         | 994.0           | -17.5%        |
| 408        | Marion-Florence         | 645.0           | 641.3           | -0.6%         |
| 409        | Atchison Public Schools | 1,682.9         | 1,565.1         | -7.0%         |
| 410        | Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh | 641.6           | 666.2           | 3.8%          |
| 411        | Goessel                 | 283.5           | 282.5           | -0.4%         |
| 412        | Hoxie Community Schools | 492.5           | 316.5           | -35.7%        |
| 413        | Chanute Public Schools  | 1,995.3         | 1,793.2         | -10.1%        |
| 415        | Hiawatha                | 1,228.2         | 891.8           | -27.4%        |
| 416        | Louisburg               | 1,140.0         | 1,414.7         | 24.1%         |
| 417        | Morris County           | 1,078.0         | 860.2           | -20.2%        |
| 418        | McPherson               | 2,652.3         | 2,396.3         | -9.7%         |
| 419        | Canton-Galva            | 476.5           | 396.2           | -16.9%        |
| 420        | Osage City              | 626.5           | 728.6           | 16.3%         |
| 421        | Lyndon                  | 463.5           | 436.0           | -5.9%         |
| 422        | Greensburg              | 352.0           | 298.7           | -15.1%        |
| 423        | Moundridge              | 469.0           | 414.5           | -11.6%        |
| 424        | Mullinville             | 100.5           | 131.4           | 30.7%         |
| 425        | Highland                | 292.5           | 250.0           | -14.5%        |
| 426        | Pike Valley             | 281.0           | 261.7           | -6.9%         |
| 427        | Belleville              | 671.0           | 458.5           | -31.7%        |
| 428        | Great Bend              | 3,393.5         | 3,040.3         | -10.4%        |
| 429        | Troy Public Schools     | 438.5           | 372.0           | -15.2%        |
| 430        | South Brown County      | 697.7           | 657.6           | -5.7%         |
| 431        | Hoisington              | 821.9           | 612.9           | -25.4%        |
| 432        | Victoria                | 369.0           | 265.3           | -28.1%        |
| 433        | Midway Schools          | 221.0           | 202.0           | -8.6%         |
| 434        | Santa Fe Trail          | 1,291.6         | 1,262.0         | -2.3%         |
| 435        | Abilene                 | 1,479.5         | 1,408.7         | -4.8%         |
| 436        | Caney Valley            | 804.0           | 825.9           | 2.7%          |
| 437        | Auburn Washburn         | 4,690.7         | 5,006.6         | 6.7%          |
| 438        | Skyline Schools         | 371.0           | 418.3           | 12.7%         |
| 439        | Sedgwick Public Schools | 389.5           | 520.5           | 33.6%         |
| 440        | Halstead                | 739.0           | 687.9           | -6.9%         |
| 441        | Sabetha                 | 1,064.0         | 921.9           | -13.4%        |
| 442        | Nemaha Valley Schools   | 497.2           | 498.9           | 0.3%          |
| 443        | Dodge City              | 4,470.3         | 5,653.8         | 26.5%         |
| 444        | Little River            | 279.5           | 281.7           | 0.8%          |
| 445        | Coffeyville             | 2,540.6         | 1,860.0         | -26.8%        |
| 446        | Independence            | 2,326.9         | 1,922.8         | -17.4%        |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>          | <b>FTE 1994</b> | <b>FTE 2005</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 447        | Cherryvale               | 644.0           | 597.6           | -7.2%         |
| 448        | Inman                    | 463.5           | 440.5           | -5.0%         |
| 449        | Easton                   | 609.9           | 691.2           | 13.3%         |
| 450        | Shawnee Heights          | 3,380.5         | 3,355.7         | -0.7%         |
| 451        | B & B                    | 245.5           | 227.0           | -7.5%         |
| 452        | Stanton County           | 537.8           | 465.0           | -13.5%        |
| 453        | Leavenworth              | 4,324.3         | 3,926.6         | -9.2%         |
| 454        | Burlingame               | 368.5           | 337.0           | -8.5%         |
| 455        | Hillcrest Rural Schools  | 152.0           | 118.0           | -22.4%        |
| 456        | Marais Des Cygnes Valley | 272.0           | 263.0           | -3.3%         |
| 457        | Garden City              | 6,745.1         | 6,953.7         | 3.1%          |
| 458        | Basehor-Linwood          | 1,506.4         | 2,047.1         | 35.9%         |
| 459        | Bucklin                  | 384.0           | 254.0           | -33.9%        |
| 460        | Hesston                  | 790.5           | 766.5           | -3.0%         |
| 461        | Neodesha                 | 759.8           | 729.6           | -4.0%         |
| 462        | Central                  | 366.2           | 346.1           | -5.5%         |
| 463        | Udall                    | 430.4           | 364.9           | -15.2%        |
| 464        | Tonganoxie               | 1,517.5         | 1,572.7         | 3.6%          |
| 465        | Winfield                 | 2,566.2         | 2,469.8         | -3.8%         |
| 466        | Scott County             | 1,072.6         | 879.9           | -18.0%        |
| 467        | Leoti                    | 607.5           | 484.0           | -20.3%        |
| 468        | Healy Public Schools     | 117.0           | 117.5           | 0.4%          |
| 469        | Lansing                  | 1,916.1         | 2,097.0         | 9.4%          |
| 470        | Arkansas City            | 3,043.1         | 2,814.4         | -7.5%         |
| 471        | Dexter                   | 181.8           | 225.8           | 24.2%         |
| 473        | Chapman                  | 1,312.5         | 955.9           | -27.2%        |
| 474        | Haviland                 | 187.9           | 166.9           | -11.2%        |
| 475        | Junction City            | 6,759.5         | 6,062.7         | -10.3%        |
| 476        | Copeland                 | 112.0           | 115.5           | 3.1%          |
| 477        | Ingalls                  | 276.0           | 244.0           | -11.6%        |
| 479        | Crest                    | 314.0           | 236.0           | -24.8%        |
| 480        | Liberal                  | 3,803.8         | 4,173.4         | 9.7%          |
| 481        | Rural Vista              | 395.0           | 426.8           | 8.1%          |
| 482        | Dighton                  | 405.3           | 241.3           | -40.5%        |
| 483        | Kismet-Plains            | 613.5           | 667.0           | 8.7%          |
| 484        | Fredonia                 | 927.0           | 741.8           | -20.0%        |
| 486        | Elwood                   | 193.5           | 289.5           | 49.6%         |
| 487        | Herington                | 561.0           | 506.9           | -9.6%         |
| 488        | Axtell                   | 365.5           | 309.1           | -15.4%        |
| 489        | Hays                     | 3,454.6         | 2,906.2         | -15.9%        |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>                | <b>FTE 1994</b>  | <b>FTE 2005</b>  | <b>Change</b> |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 490        | El Dorado                      | 2,305.9          | 2,116.5          | -8.2%         |
| 491        | Eudora                         | 883.5            | 1,234.7          | 39.8%         |
| 492        | Flinthills                     | 255.5            | 311.2            | 21.8%         |
| 493        | Columbus                       | 1,370.5          | 1,209.0          | -11.8%        |
| 494        | Syracuse                       | 398.5            | 468.0            | 17.4%         |
| 495        | Ft Larned                      | 1,175.7          | 927.0            | -21.2%        |
| 496        | Pawnee Heights                 | 168.5            | 177.6            | 5.4%          |
| 497        | Lawrence                       | 8,919.1          | 9,742.2          | 9.2%          |
| 498        | Valley Heights                 | 464.8            | 380.5            | -18.1%        |
| 499        | Galena                         | 752.6            | 754.5            | 0.3%          |
| 500        | Kansas City                    | 21,001.5         | 19,144.5         | -8.8%         |
| 501        | Topeka Public Schools          | 13,955.1         | 12,966.0         | -7.1%         |
| 502        | Lewis                          | 191.0            | 139.5            | -27.0%        |
| 503        | Parsons                        | 1,936.0          | 1,484.9          | -23.3%        |
| 504        | Oswego                         | 467.5            | 494.0            | 5.7%          |
| 505        | Chetopa                        | 285.0            | 293.2            | 2.9%          |
| 506        | Labette County                 | 1,663.6          | 1,641.7          | -1.3%         |
| 507        | Satanta                        | 371.5            | 389.5            | 4.8%          |
| 508        | Baxter Springs                 | 908.3            | 833.2            | -8.3%         |
| 509        | South Haven                    | 237.5            | 224.0            | -5.7%         |
| 511        | Attica                         | 182.0            | 128.5            | -29.4%        |
| 512        | Shawnee Mission Public Schools | 30,537.1         | 27,874.9         | -8.7%         |
|            | <b>State of Kansas</b>         | <b>437,210.1</b> | <b>441,867.6</b> | <b>1.1%</b>   |



**Appendix 2: Top Ten Gains in Enrollment**

| <b>Top Ten Gains in Enrollment (percentage)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                          |                 |                 |               |               |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b>          | <b>FTE 1994</b> | <b>FTE 2005</b> | <b>Change</b> | <b>County</b> |
| 232  | De Soto                  | 1,829.5         | 4,553.1         | 148.9%        | Johnson       |
| 231  | Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch | 1,803.6         | 3,406.3         | 88.9%         | Johnson       |
| 385  | Andover                  | 1,989.5         | 3,643.2         | 83.1%         | Butler        |
| 265  | Goddard                  | 2,349.0         | 4,094.7         | 74.3%         | Sedgwick      |
| 266  | Maize                    | 3,542.4         | 5,740.9         | 62.1%         | Sedgwick      |
| 229  | Blue Valley              | 11,569.6        | 18,409.6        | 59.1%         | Johnson       |
| 486  | Elwood                   | 193.5           | 289.5           | 49.6%         | Doniphan      |
| 249  | Frontenac Public Schools | 522.0           | 742.0           | 42.1%         | Crawford      |
| 233  | Olathe                   | 15,831.7        | 22,418.0        | 41.6%         | Johnson       |
| 491  | Eudora                   | 883.5           | 1,234.7         | 39.8%         | Douglas       |

| <b>Top Ten Gains in Enrollment (FTE change)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                          |                 |                 |                   |               |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b>          | <b>FTE 1994</b> | <b>FTE 2005</b> | <b>FTE Change</b> | <b>County</b> |
| 229  | Blue Valley              | 11,569.6        | 18,409.6        | 6,840.0           | Johnson       |
| 233  | Olathe                   | 15,831.7        | 22,418.0        | 6,586.3           | Johnson       |
| 232  | De Soto                  | 1,829.5         | 4,553.1         | 2,723.6           | Johnson       |
| 266  | Maize                    | 3,542.4         | 5,740.9         | 2,198.5           | Sedgwick      |
| 265  | Goddard                  | 2,349.0         | 4,094.7         | 1,745.7           | Sedgwick      |
| 385  | Andover                  | 1,989.5         | 3,643.2         | 1,653.7           | Butler        |
| 231  | Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch | 1,803.6         | 3,406.3         | 1,602.7           | Johnson       |
| 443  | Dodge City               | 4,470.3         | 5,653.8         | 1,183.5           | Ford          |
| 497  | Lawrence                 | 8,919.1         | 9,742.2         | 823.1             | Douglas       |
| 261  | Haysville                | 3,582.9         | 4,373.5         | 790.6             | Sedgwick      |



**Appendix 3: Top Ten Losses in Enrollment**

| <b>Top Ten Losses in Enrollment (percentage)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                             |                     |                     |               |               |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>USD</i>  | <i>USD Name</i>             | <i>FTE<br/>1994</i> | <i>FTE<br/>2005</i> | <i>Change</i> | <i>County</i> |
| 295   | Prairie Heights             | 96.5                | 30.5                | -68.4%        | Decatur       |
| 208   | Wakeeney                    | 677.1               | 382.0               | -43.6%        | Trego         |
| 272   | Waconda                     | 581.0               | 338.7               | -41.7%        | Mitchell      |
| 482   | Dighton                     | 405.3               | 241.3               | -40.5%        | Lane          |
| 228   | Hanston                     | 151.0               | 91.0                | -39.7%        | Hodgman       |
| 403   | Otis-Bison                  | 357.0               | 218.0               | -38.9%        | Rush          |
| 387   | Altoona-Midway              | 375.0               | 231.0               | -38.4%        | Wilson        |
| 104   | White Rock                  | 194.0               | 122.5               | -36.9%        | Jewell        |
| 412   | Hoxie Community Schools     | 492.5               | 316.5               | -35.7%        | Sheridan      |
| 213   | West Solomon Valley Schools | 96.5                | 63.0                | -34.7%        | Norton        |

| <b>Top Ten Losses in Enrollment (FTE change)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                           |                     |                     |                       |               |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <i>USD</i>  | <i>USD Name</i>           | <i>FTE<br/>1994</i> | <i>FTE<br/>2005</i> | <i>FTE<br/>Change</i> | <i>County</i> |
| 512   | Shawnee Mission           | 30,537.1            | 27,874.9            | -2,662.2              | Johnson       |
| 500   | Kansas City               | 21,001.5            | 19,144.5            | -1,857.0              | Wyandotte     |
| 383   | Manhattan                 | 6,456.6             | 4,946.3             | -1,510.3              | Riley         |
| 501   | Topeka Public Schools     | 13,955.1            | 12,966.0            | -989.1                | Shawnee       |
| 475   | Junction City             | 6,759.5             | 6,062.7             | -696.8                | Geary         |
| 445   | Coffeyville               | 2,540.6             | 1,860.0             | -680.6                | Montgomery    |
| 308   | Hutchinson Public Schools | 5,156.0             | 4,607.0             | -549.0                | Reno          |
| 489   | Hays                      | 3,454.6             | 2,906.2             | -548.4                | Ellis         |
| 250   | Pittsburg                 | 2,959.0             | 2,474.8             | -484.2                | Crawford      |
| 503   | Parsons                   | 1,936.0             | 1,484.9             | -451.1                | Labette       |





**Appendix 4: Changes in Per-Pupil Spending**

| <b>Changes in Per-Pupil Spending for All Unified School Districts<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                             |                                |                                |                                     |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>USD Name</b>             | <b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b> |
| 101  | Erie-St Paul                | \$ 5,613                       | \$ 9,339                       | 66.4%                               |
| 102  | Cimarron-Ensign             | \$ 5,994                       | \$ 9,805                       | 63.6%                               |
| 103  | Cheylin                     | \$ 8,347                       | \$ 11,922                      | 42.8%                               |
| 104  | White Rock                  | \$ 8,566                       | \$ 15,421                      | 80.0%                               |
| 200  | Greeley County Schools      | \$ 7,279                       | \$ 11,822                      | 62.4%                               |
| 202  | Turner-Kansas City          | \$ 5,483                       | \$ 8,780                       | 60.1%                               |
| 203  | Piper-Kansas City           | \$ 6,084                       | \$ 8,553                       | 40.6%                               |
| 204  | Bonner Springs              | \$ 5,789                       | \$ 8,694                       | 50.2%                               |
| 205  | Bluestem                    | \$ 5,783                       | \$ 10,303                      | 78.2%                               |
| 206  | Remington-Whitewater        | \$ 6,713                       | \$ 9,640                       | 43.6%                               |
| 207  | Ft Leavenworth              | \$ 4,612                       | \$ 12,480                      | 170.6%                              |
| 208  | Wakeeney                    | \$ 6,626                       | \$ 12,917                      | 94.9%                               |
| 209  | Moscow Public Schools       | \$ 12,423                      | \$ 13,083                      | 5.3%                                |
| 210  | Hugoton Public Schools      | \$ 6,263                       | \$ 9,498                       | 51.7%                               |
| 211  | Norton Community Schools    | \$ 5,973                       | \$ 9,506                       | 59.1%                               |
| 212  | Northern Valley             | \$ 8,210                       | \$ 11,290                      | 37.5%                               |
| 213  | West Solomon Valley Schools | \$ 10,050                      | \$ 14,829                      | 47.6%                               |
| 214  | Ulysses                     | \$ 5,907                       | \$ 9,016                       | 52.6%                               |
| 215  | Lakin                       | \$ 7,534                       | \$ 11,479                      | 52.4%                               |
| 216  | Deerfield                   | \$ 9,000                       | \$ 11,626                      | 29.2%                               |
| 217  | Rolla                       | \$ 11,002                      | \$ 17,580                      | 59.8%                               |
| 218  | Elkhart                     | \$ 7,552                       | \$ 10,297                      | 36.3%                               |
| 219  | Minneola                    | \$ 6,877                       | \$ 10,898                      | 58.5%                               |
| 220  | Ashland                     | \$ 7,523                       | \$ 12,196                      | 62.1%                               |
| 221  | North Central               | \$ 10,356                      | \$ 14,813                      | 43.0%                               |
| 222  | Washington Schools          | \$ 6,647                       | \$ 11,295                      | 69.9%                               |
| 223  | Barnes                      | \$ 8,117                       | \$ 10,839                      | 33.5%                               |
| 224  | Clifton-Clyde               | \$ 7,464                       | \$ 10,408                      | 39.4%                               |
| 225  | Fowler                      | \$ 9,769                       | \$ 12,919                      | 32.2%                               |
| 226  | Meade                       | \$ 7,023                       | \$ 9,906                       | 41.1%                               |
| 227  | Jetmore                     | \$ 7,283                       | \$ 10,233                      | 40.5%                               |
| 228  | Hanston                     | \$ 9,312                       | \$ 16,854                      | 81.0%                               |
| 229  | Blue Valley                 | \$ 6,776                       | \$ 10,451                      | 54.2%                               |
| 230  | Spring Hill                 | \$ 6,202                       | \$ 9,420                       | 51.9%                               |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>              | <b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 231        | Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch     | \$ 5,928                       | \$ 9,985                       | 68.4%                               |
| 232        | De Soto                      | \$ 5,915                       | \$ 10,037                      | 69.7%                               |
| 233        | Olathe                       | \$ 6,176                       | \$ 10,100                      | 63.5%                               |
| 234        | Fort Scott                   | \$ 4,894                       | \$ 7,758                       | 58.5%                               |
| 235        | Uniontown                    | \$ 6,907                       | \$ 10,770                      | 55.9%                               |
| 237        | Smith Center                 | \$ 6,330                       | \$ 10,836                      | 71.2%                               |
| 238        | West Smith County            | \$ 8,090                       | \$ 12,512                      | 54.7%                               |
| 239        | North Ottawa County          | \$ 6,263                       | \$ 9,401                       | 50.1%                               |
| 240        | Twin Valley                  | \$ 7,248                       | \$ 9,765                       | 34.7%                               |
| 241        | Wallace County Schools       | \$ 6,750                       | \$ 12,005                      | 77.9%                               |
| 242        | Weskan                       | \$ 8,712                       | \$ 12,000                      | 37.7%                               |
| 243        | Lebo-Waverly                 | \$ 6,260                       | \$ 9,586                       | 53.1%                               |
| 244        | Burlington                   | \$ 8,530                       | \$ 12,087                      | 41.7%                               |
| 245        | LeRoy-Gridley                | \$ 7,375                       | \$ 11,595                      | 57.2%                               |
| 246        | Northeast                    | \$ 6,691                       | \$ 9,827                       | 46.9%                               |
| 247        | Cherokee                     | \$ 6,053                       | \$ 8,977                       | 48.3%                               |
| 248        | Girard                       | \$ 5,383                       | \$ 8,951                       | 66.3%                               |
| 249        | Frontenac Public Schools     | \$ 5,890                       | \$ 8,362                       | 42.0%                               |
| 250        | Pittsburg                    | \$ 6,786                       | \$ 9,078                       | 33.8%                               |
| 251        | North Lyon County            | \$ 6,415                       | \$ 10,330                      | 61.0%                               |
| 252        | Southern Lyon County         | \$ 6,293                       | \$ 10,157                      | 61.4%                               |
| 253        | Emporia                      | \$ 5,737                       | \$ 10,272                      | 79.0%                               |
| 254        | Barber County North          | \$ 5,962                       | \$ 10,090                      | 69.2%                               |
| 255        | South Barber                 | \$ 7,008                       | \$ 11,222                      | 60.1%                               |
| 256        | Marmaton Valley              | \$ 6,790                       | \$ 10,519                      | 54.9%                               |
| 257        | Iola                         | \$ 4,964                       | \$ 9,320                       | 87.8%                               |
| 258        | Humboldt                     | \$ 5,897                       | \$ 10,604                      | 79.8%                               |
| 259        | Wichita                      | \$ 5,741                       | \$ 9,457                       | 64.7%                               |
| 260        | Derby                        | \$ 5,031                       | \$ 8,050                       | 60.0%                               |
| 261        | Haysville                    | \$ 5,051                       | \$ 8,320                       | 64.7%                               |
| 262        | Valley Center Public Schools | \$ 4,739                       | \$ 7,850                       | 65.6%                               |
| 263        | Mulvane                      | \$ 4,848                       | \$ 7,631                       | 57.4%                               |
| 264        | Clearwater                   | \$ 5,882                       | \$ 8,637                       | 46.8%                               |
| 265        | Goddard                      | \$ 5,109                       | \$ 8,147                       | 59.5%                               |
| 266        | Maize                        | \$ 5,118                       | \$ 7,687                       | 50.2%                               |
| 267        | Renwick                      | \$ 5,537                       | \$ 8,396                       | 51.6%                               |
| 268        | Cheney                       | \$ 5,953                       | \$ 9,867                       | 65.7%                               |
| 269        | Palco                        | \$ 9,685                       | \$ 14,808                      | 52.9%                               |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>              | <b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 270        | Plainville                   | \$ 6,893                       | \$ 10,405                      | 51.0%                               |
| 271        | Stockton                     | \$ 7,711                       | \$ 9,717                       | 26.0%                               |
| 272        | Waconda                      | \$ 6,113                       | \$ 11,109                      | 81.7%                               |
| 273        | Beloit                       | \$ 9,971                       | \$ 15,168                      | 52.1%                               |
| 274        | Oakley                       | \$ 7,395                       | \$ 9,951                       | 34.6%                               |
| 275        | Triplains                    | \$ 11,148                      | \$ 14,622                      | 31.2%                               |
| 278        | Mankato                      | \$ 7,417                       | \$ 11,773                      | 58.7%                               |
| 279        | Jewell                       | \$ 8,499                       | \$ 13,210                      | 55.4%                               |
| 281        | Hill City                    | \$ 6,917                       | \$ 11,568                      | 67.2%                               |
| 282        | West Elk                     | \$ 8,331                       | \$ 12,805                      | 53.7%                               |
| 283        | Elk Valley                   | \$ 7,864                       | \$ 11,489                      | 46.1%                               |
| 284        | Chase County                 | \$ 6,639                       | \$ 10,774                      | 62.3%                               |
| 285        | Cedar Vale                   | \$ 7,961                       | \$ 12,627                      | 58.6%                               |
| 286        | Chautauqua County Community  | \$ 6,989                       | \$ 9,499                       | 35.9%                               |
| 287        | West Franklin                | \$ 6,036                       | \$ 9,567                       | 58.5%                               |
| 288        | Central Heights              | \$ 6,014                       | \$ 9,385                       | 56.1%                               |
| 289        | Wellsville                   | \$ 6,187                       | \$ 10,173                      | 64.4%                               |
| 290        | Ottawa                       | \$ 4,985                       | \$ 7,737                       | 55.2%                               |
| 291        | Grinnell Public Schools      | \$ 7,766                       | \$ 12,883                      | 65.9%                               |
| 292        | Wheatland                    | \$ 9,301                       | \$ 11,241                      | 20.9%                               |
| 293        | Quinter Public Schools       | \$ 7,853                       | \$ 11,930                      | 51.9%                               |
| 294        | Oberlin                      | \$ 6,384                       | \$ 10,580                      | 65.7%                               |
| 295        | Prairie Heights              | \$ 9,046                       | \$ 30,112                      | 232.9%                              |
| 297        | St Francis Community Schools | \$ 6,741                       | \$ 10,543                      | 56.4%                               |
| 298        | Lincoln                      | \$ 7,608                       | \$ 10,960                      | 44.1%                               |
| 299        | Sylvan Grove                 | \$ 7,769                       | \$ 10,735                      | 38.2%                               |
| 300        | Comanche County              | \$ 9,373                       | \$ 11,135                      | 18.8%                               |
| 303        | Ness City                    | \$ 7,448                       | \$ 9,869                       | 32.5%                               |
| 305        | Salina                       | \$ 5,565                       | \$ 11,949                      | 114.7%                              |
| 306        | Southeast Of Saline          | \$ 7,024                       | \$ 8,692                       | 23.7%                               |
| 307        | Ell-Saline                   | \$ 6,722                       | \$ 10,101                      | 50.3%                               |
| 308        | Hutchinson Public Schools    | \$ 5,480                       | \$ 8,998                       | 64.2%                               |
| 309        | Nickerson                    | \$ 5,765                       | \$ 8,914                       | 54.6%                               |
| 310        | Fairfield                    | \$ 7,382                       | \$ 10,890                      | 47.5%                               |
| 311        | Pretty Prairie               | \$ 7,547                       | \$ 10,675                      | 41.4%                               |
| 312        | Haven Public Schools         | \$ 5,483                       | \$ 9,331                       | 70.2%                               |
| 313        | Buhler                       | \$ 5,054                       | \$ 8,576                       | 69.7%                               |
| 314        | Brewster                     | \$ 9,500                       | \$ 13,730                      | 44.5%                               |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>           | <b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b> |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 315        | Colby Public Schools      | \$ 5,816                       | \$ 8,723                       | 50.0%                               |
| 316        | Golden Plains             | \$ 9,633                       | \$ 10,970                      | 13.9%                               |
| 320        | Wamego                    | \$ 6,804                       | \$ 10,593                      | 55.7%                               |
| 321        | Kaw Valley                | \$ 8,453                       | \$ 10,581                      | 25.2%                               |
| 322        | Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton | \$ 7,221                       | \$ 10,211                      | 41.4%                               |
| 323        | Rock Creek                | \$ 6,580                       | \$ 8,983                       | 36.5%                               |
| 324        | Eastern Heights           | \$ 7,863                       | \$ 11,495                      | 46.2%                               |
| 325        | Phillipsburg              | \$ 10,088                      | \$ 10,152                      | 0.6%                                |
| 326        | Logan                     | \$ 7,620                       | \$ 13,479                      | 76.9%                               |
| 327        | Ellsworth                 | \$ 6,541                       | \$ 9,968                       | 52.4%                               |
| 328        | Lorraine                  | \$ 7,194                       | \$ 12,243                      | 70.2%                               |
| 329        | Mill Creek Valley         | \$ 6,212                       | \$ 11,053                      | 77.9%                               |
| 330        | Mission Valley            | \$ 6,784                       | \$ 11,397                      | 68.0%                               |
| 331        | Kingman-Norwich           | \$ 5,797                       | \$ 9,631                       | 66.1%                               |
| 332        | Cunningham                | \$ 8,552                       | \$ 13,613                      | 59.2%                               |
| 333        | Concordia                 | \$ 6,601                       | \$ 11,619                      | 76.0%                               |
| 334        | Southern Cloud            | \$ 7,187                       | \$ 10,829                      | 50.7%                               |
| 335        | North Jackson             | \$ 7,816                       | \$ 8,860                       | 13.4%                               |
| 336        | Holton                    | \$ 7,335                       | \$ 11,687                      | 59.3%                               |
| 337        | Royal Valley              | \$ 6,376                       | \$ 10,545                      | 65.4%                               |
| 338        | Valley Falls              | \$ 6,728                       | \$ 9,494                       | 41.1%                               |
| 339        | Jefferson County North    | \$ 6,767                       | \$ 10,305                      | 52.3%                               |
| 340        | Jefferson West            | \$ 6,306                       | \$ 9,119                       | 44.6%                               |
| 341        | Oskaloosa Public Schools  | \$ 6,750                       | \$ 10,247                      | 51.8%                               |
| 342        | McLouth                   | \$ 6,579                       | \$ 9,042                       | 37.4%                               |
| 343        | Perry Public Schools      | \$ 6,069                       | \$ 9,122                       | 50.3%                               |
| 344        | Pleasanton                | \$ 6,637                       | \$ 9,439                       | 42.2%                               |
| 345        | Seaman                    | \$ 5,120                       | \$ 8,208                       | 60.3%                               |
| 346        | Jayhawk                   | \$ 6,485                       | \$ 11,668                      | 79.9%                               |
| 347        | Kinsley-Offerle           | \$ 7,112                       | \$ 10,700                      | 50.4%                               |
| 348        | Baldwin City              | \$ 5,737                       | \$ 8,957                       | 56.1%                               |
| 349        | Stafford                  | \$ 7,190                       | \$ 12,492                      | 73.7%                               |
| 350        | St John-Hudson            | \$ 8,272                       | \$ 10,194                      | 23.2%                               |
| 351        | Macksville                | \$ 7,401                       | \$ 10,271                      | 38.8%                               |
| 352        | Goodland                  | \$ 6,669                       | \$ 8,785                       | 31.7%                               |
| 353        | Wellington                | \$ 4,682                       | \$ 9,700                       | 107.2%                              |
| 354        | Clafin                    | \$ 6,698                       | \$ 10,760                      | 60.6%                               |
| 355        | Ellinwood Public Schools  | \$ 6,462                       | \$ 10,175                      | 57.5%                               |



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|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 356        | Conway Springs                | \$ 6,451                       | \$ 10,291                      | 59.5%                               |
| 357        | Belle Plaine                  | \$ 6,153                       | \$ 10,342                      | 68.1%                               |
| 358        | Oxford                        | \$ 6,246                       | \$ 10,430                      | 67.0%                               |
| 359        | Argonia Public Schools        | \$ 7,911                       | \$ 11,479                      | 45.1%                               |
| 360        | Caldwell                      | \$ 6,744                       | \$ 11,672                      | 73.1%                               |
| 361        | Anthony-Harper                | \$ 6,106                       | \$ 10,010                      | 63.9%                               |
| 362        | Prairie View                  | \$ 7,599                       | \$ 11,107                      | 46.2%                               |
| 363        | Holcomb                       | \$ 9,597                       | \$ 11,798                      | 22.9%                               |
| 364        | Marysville                    | \$ 6,491                       | \$ 11,255                      | 73.4%                               |
| 365        | Garnett                       | \$ 6,426                       | \$ 9,343                       | 45.4%                               |
| 366        | Woodson                       | \$ 6,133                       | \$ 10,131                      | 65.2%                               |
| 367        | Osawatomie                    | \$ 6,715                       | \$ 9,730                       | 44.9%                               |
| 368        | Paola                         | \$ 7,505                       | \$ 13,604                      | 81.3%                               |
| 369        | Burrton                       | \$ 7,464                       | \$ 11,061                      | 48.2%                               |
| 371        | Montezuma                     | \$ 9,550                       | \$ 12,258                      | 28.4%                               |
| 372        | Silver Lake                   | \$ 6,444                       | \$ 9,349                       | 45.1%                               |
| 373        | Newton                        | \$ 5,358                       | \$ 9,258                       | 72.8%                               |
| 374        | Sublette                      | \$ 6,993                       | \$ 12,222                      | 74.8%                               |
| 375        | Circle                        | \$ 5,336                       | \$ 9,289                       | 74.1%                               |
| 376        | Sterling                      | \$ 6,480                       | \$ 9,826                       | 51.6%                               |
| 377        | Atchison Co Community Schools | \$ 6,536                       | \$ 8,956                       | 37.0%                               |
| 378        | Riley County                  | \$ 6,342                       | \$ 10,077                      | 58.9%                               |
| 379        | Clay Center                   | \$ 6,022                       | \$ 10,701                      | 77.7%                               |
| 380        | Vermillion                    | \$ 6,184                       | \$ 10,712                      | 73.2%                               |
| 381        | Spearsville                   | \$ 6,453                       | \$ 9,530                       | 47.7%                               |
| 382        | Pratt                         | \$ 5,531                       | \$ 8,860                       | 60.2%                               |
| 383        | Manhattan                     | \$ 5,307                       | \$ 9,708                       | 82.9%                               |
| 384        | Blue Valley                   | \$ 7,214                       | \$ 11,212                      | 55.4%                               |
| 385        | Andover                       | \$ 5,023                       | \$ 8,213                       | 63.5%                               |
| 386        | Madison-Virgil                | \$ 7,617                       | \$ 10,784                      | 41.6%                               |
| 387        | Altoona-Midway                | \$ 7,225                       | \$ 12,095                      | 67.4%                               |
| 388        | Ellis                         | \$ 6,954                       | \$ 9,557                       | 37.4%                               |
| 389        | Eureka                        | \$ 7,286                       | \$ 11,720                      | 60.9%                               |
| 390        | Hamilton                      | \$ 8,612                       | \$ 13,400                      | 55.6%                               |
| 392        | Osborne County                | \$ 6,509                       | \$ 9,684                       | 48.8%                               |
| 393        | Solomon                       | \$ 6,264                       | \$ 9,627                       | 53.7%                               |
| 394        | Rose Hill Public Schools      | \$ 5,253                       | \$ 8,199                       | 56.1%                               |
| 395        | LaCrosse                      | \$ 7,026                       | \$ 9,992                       | 42.2%                               |



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|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 396        | Douglass Public Schools | \$ 7,607                       | \$ 9,931                       | 30.6%                               |
| 397        | Centre                  | \$ 7,451                       | \$ 11,549                      | 55.0%                               |
| 398        | Peabody-Burns           | \$ 6,658                       | \$ 10,590                      | 59.1%                               |
| 399        | Paradise                | \$ 11,745                      | \$ 13,984                      | 19.1%                               |
| 400        | Smoky Valley            | \$ 6,084                       | \$ 9,593                       | 57.7%                               |
| 401        | Chase                   | \$ 8,367                       | \$ 15,024                      | 79.6%                               |
| 402        | Augusta                 | \$ 4,446                       | \$ 7,841                       | 76.4%                               |
| 403        | Otis-Bison              | \$ 7,398                       | \$ 12,649                      | 71.0%                               |
| 404        | Riverton                | \$ 7,150                       | \$ 9,461                       | 32.3%                               |
| 405        | Lyons                   | \$ 7,031                       | \$ 11,850                      | 68.5%                               |
| 406        | Wathena                 | \$ 7,053                       | \$ 8,892                       | 26.1%                               |
| 407        | Russell County          | \$ 6,219                       | \$ 9,522                       | 53.1%                               |
| 408        | Marion-Florence         | \$ 6,667                       | \$ 9,408                       | 41.1%                               |
| 409        | Atchison Public Schools | \$ 6,348                       | \$ 11,363                      | 79.0%                               |
| 410        | Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh | \$ 6,452                       | \$ 10,051                      | 55.8%                               |
| 411        | Goessel                 | \$ 7,373                       | \$ 11,333                      | 53.7%                               |
| 412        | Hoxie Community Schools | \$ 7,073                       | \$ 11,217                      | 58.6%                               |
| 413        | Chanute Public Schools  | \$ 4,964                       | \$ 8,435                       | 69.9%                               |
| 415        | Hiawatha                | \$ 5,860                       | \$ 10,589                      | 80.7%                               |
| 416        | Louisburg               | \$ 6,412                       | \$ 9,482                       | 47.9%                               |
| 417        | Morris County           | \$ 5,831                       | \$ 9,324                       | 59.9%                               |
| 418        | McPherson               | \$ 5,651                       | \$ 9,632                       | 70.4%                               |
| 419        | Canton-Galva            | \$ 6,693                       | \$ 11,460                      | 71.2%                               |
| 420        | Osage City              | \$ 6,733                       | \$ 8,330                       | 23.7%                               |
| 421        | Lyndon                  | \$ 6,232                       | \$ 10,283                      | 65.0%                               |
| 422        | Greensburg              | \$ 6,771                       | \$ 9,660                       | 42.7%                               |
| 423        | Moundridge              | \$ 7,261                       | \$ 11,631                      | 60.2%                               |
| 424        | Mullinville             | \$ 12,075                      | \$ 14,427                      | 19.5%                               |
| 425        | Highland                | \$ 7,201                       | \$ 11,253                      | 56.3%                               |
| 426        | Pike Valley             | \$ 7,119                       | \$ 10,623                      | 49.2%                               |
| 427        | Belleville              | \$ 6,462                       | \$ 11,281                      | 74.6%                               |
| 428        | Great Bend              | \$ 5,004                       | \$ 9,648                       | 92.8%                               |
| 429        | Troy Public Schools     | \$ 6,535                       | \$ 9,266                       | 41.8%                               |
| 430        | South Brown County      | \$ 6,393                       | \$ 10,563                      | 65.2%                               |
| 431        | Hoisington              | \$ 6,031                       | \$ 11,945                      | 98.1%                               |
| 432        | Victoria                | \$ 6,326                       | \$ 11,180                      | 76.7%                               |
| 433        | Midway Schools          | \$ 7,842                       | \$ 9,969                       | 27.1%                               |
| 434        | Santa Fe Trail          | \$ 5,315                       | \$ 9,356                       | 76.0%                               |



| <b>USD</b> | <b>USD Name</b>          | <b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b> | <b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b> |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 435        | Abilene                  | \$ 5,335                       | \$ 8,360                       | 56.7%                               |
| 436        | Caney Valley             | \$ 6,865                       | \$ 8,788                       | 28.0%                               |
| 437        | Auburn Washburn          | \$ 5,506                       | \$ 8,747                       | 58.9%                               |
| 438        | Skyline Schools          | \$ 7,092                       | \$ 9,692                       | 36.7%                               |
| 439        | Sedgwick Public Schools  | \$ 6,780                       | \$ 7,947                       | 17.2%                               |
| 440        | Halstead                 | \$ 6,356                       | \$ 9,246                       | 45.5%                               |
| 441        | Sabetha                  | \$ 6,272                       | \$ 9,298                       | 48.2%                               |
| 442        | Nemaha Valley Schools    | \$ 7,675                       | \$ 11,177                      | 45.6%                               |
| 443        | Dodge City               | \$ 4,415                       | \$ 9,933                       | 125.0%                              |
| 444        | Little River             | \$ 7,801                       | \$ 11,285                      | 44.7%                               |
| 445        | Coffeyville              | \$ 4,610                       | \$ 9,584                       | 107.9%                              |
| 446        | Independence             | \$ 4,430                       | \$ 7,837                       | 76.9%                               |
| 447        | Cherryvale               | \$ 6,196                       | \$ 9,490                       | 53.2%                               |
| 448        | Inman                    | \$ 6,877                       | \$ 9,738                       | 41.6%                               |
| 449        | Easton                   | \$ 6,633                       | \$ 9,830                       | 48.2%                               |
| 450        | Shawnee Heights          | \$ 5,188                       | \$ 8,186                       | 57.8%                               |
| 451        | B & B                    | \$ 8,132                       | \$ 9,404                       | 15.6%                               |
| 452        | Stanton County           | \$ 7,163                       | \$ 11,343                      | 58.4%                               |
| 453        | Leavenworth              | \$ 5,622                       | \$ 10,644                      | 89.3%                               |
| 454        | Burlingame               | \$ 6,763                       | \$ 10,473                      | 54.9%                               |
| 455        | Hillcrest Rural Schools  | \$ 9,562                       | \$ 14,734                      | 54.1%                               |
| 456        | Marais Des Cygnes Valley | \$ 7,395                       | \$ 10,153                      | 37.3%                               |
| 457        | Garden City              | \$ 5,450                       | \$ 9,484                       | 74.0%                               |
| 458        | Basehor-Linwood          | \$ 5,110                       | \$ 7,817                       | 53.0%                               |
| 459        | Bucklin                  | \$ 6,522                       | \$ 10,586                      | 62.3%                               |
| 460        | Hesston                  | \$ 6,386                       | \$ 9,972                       | 56.2%                               |
| 461        | Neodesha                 | \$ 6,212                       | \$ 10,009                      | 61.1%                               |
| 462        | Central                  | \$ 7,545                       | \$ 10,471                      | 38.8%                               |
| 463        | Udall                    | \$ 6,531                       | \$ 10,134                      | 55.2%                               |
| 464        | Tonganoxie               | \$ 5,365                       | \$ 7,553                       | 40.8%                               |
| 465        | Winfield                 | \$ 6,548                       | \$ 10,973                      | 67.6%                               |
| 466        | Scott County             | \$ 5,968                       | \$ 10,655                      | 78.5%                               |
| 467        | Leoti                    | \$ 6,738                       | \$ 10,136                      | 50.4%                               |
| 468        | Healy Public Schools     | \$ 10,495                      | \$ 12,871                      | 22.6%                               |
| 469        | Lansing                  | \$ 4,670                       | \$ 7,244                       | 55.1%                               |
| 470        | Arkansas City            | \$ 4,914                       | \$ 8,176                       | 66.4%                               |
| 471        | Dexter                   | \$ 7,900                       | \$ 9,463                       | 19.8%                               |
| 473        | Chapman                  | \$ 5,702                       | \$ 9,264                       | 62.5%                               |



| <i><b>USD</b></i> | <i><b>USD Name</b></i>         | <i><b>1993 Per-Pupil Spending</b></i> | <i><b>2005 Per-Pupil Spending</b></i> | <i><b>Change in Per-pupil Spending</b></i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 474               | Haviland                       | \$ 8,182                              | \$ 13,548                             | 65.6%                                      |
| 475               | Junction City                  | \$ 4,790                              | \$ 9,182                              | 91.7%                                      |
| 476               | Copeland                       | \$ 11,250                             | \$ 15,711                             | 39.7%                                      |
| 477               | Ingalls                        | \$ 7,587                              | \$ 10,266                             | 35.3%                                      |
| 479               | Crest                          | \$ 7,216                              | \$ 12,191                             | 68.9%                                      |
| 480               | Liberal                        | \$ 5,483                              | \$ 8,653                              | 57.8%                                      |
| 481               | Rural Vista                    | \$ 6,666                              | \$ 9,803                              | 47.1%                                      |
| 482               | Dighton                        | \$ 6,672                              | \$ 12,033                             | 80.4%                                      |
| 483               | Kismet-Plains                  | \$ 6,598                              | \$ 10,479                             | 58.8%                                      |
| 484               | Fredonia                       | \$ 6,746                              | \$ 9,366                              | 38.8%                                      |
| 486               | Elwood                         | \$ 9,897                              | \$ 10,829                             | 9.4%                                       |
| 487               | Herington                      | \$ 6,234                              | \$ 9,288                              | 49.0%                                      |
| 488               | Axtell                         | \$ 7,005                              | \$ 11,046                             | 57.7%                                      |
| 489               | Hays                           | \$ 5,850                              | \$ 10,405                             | 77.9%                                      |
| 490               | El Dorado                      | \$ 7,132                              | \$ 13,019                             | 82.5%                                      |
| 491               | Eudora                         | \$ 5,989                              | \$ 10,065                             | 68.1%                                      |
| 492               | Flinthills                     | \$ 8,455                              | \$ 11,501                             | 36.0%                                      |
| 493               | Columbus                       | \$ 5,824                              | \$ 10,147                             | 74.2%                                      |
| 494               | Syracuse                       | \$ 7,093                              | \$ 12,320                             | 73.7%                                      |
| 495               | Ft Larned                      | \$ 7,294                              | \$ 11,996                             | 64.5%                                      |
| 496               | Pawnee Heights                 | \$ 8,796                              | \$ 12,171                             | 38.4%                                      |
| 497               | Lawrence                       | \$ 5,502                              | \$ 10,265                             | 86.6%                                      |
| 498               | Valley Heights                 | \$ 6,619                              | \$ 11,941                             | 80.4%                                      |
| 499               | Galena                         | \$ 6,357                              | \$ 10,167                             | 59.9%                                      |
| 500               | Kansas City                    | \$ 6,153                              | \$ 9,980                              | 62.2%                                      |
| 501               | Topeka Public Schools          | \$ 6,052                              | \$ 10,267                             | 69.6%                                      |
| 502               | Lewis                          | \$ 7,648                              | \$ 11,882                             | 55.4%                                      |
| 503               | Parsons                        | \$ 4,715                              | \$ 8,990                              | 90.7%                                      |
| 504               | Oswego                         | \$ 6,610                              | \$ 9,818                              | 48.5%                                      |
| 505               | Chetopa                        | \$ 7,465                              | \$ 11,546                             | 54.7%                                      |
| 506               | Labette County                 | \$ 5,078                              | \$ 8,238                              | 62.2%                                      |
| 507               | Satanta                        | \$ 7,822                              | \$ 10,911                             | 39.5%                                      |
| 508               | Baxter Springs                 | \$ 5,952                              | \$ 9,047                              | 52.0%                                      |
| 509               | South Haven                    | \$ 7,129                              | \$ 11,249                             | 57.8%                                      |
| 511               | Attica                         | \$ 8,385                              | \$ 11,963                             | 42.7%                                      |
| 512               | Shawnee Mission Public Schools | \$ 5,906                              | \$ 8,938                              | 51.3%                                      |
|                   | <b>State of Kansas</b>         | <b>\$ 5,987</b>                       | <b>\$ 9,707</b>                       | <b>62.1%</b>                               |





**Appendix 5: Top Ten Increases in Per-Pupil Spending**

| <b>Top Ten Increases in Per-Pupil Spending (percentage)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                 |   |   |   |               |
|--|-----------------|---|---|---|---------------|
| <i>USD</i>   | <i>USD Name</i> | <i>1993-94<br/>Per-Pupil<br/>Total<br/>Spending</i> | <i>2004-05<br/>Per-Pupil<br/>Total<br/>Spending</i> | <i>Change in<br/>Per-pupil<br/>Total<br/>Spending</i> | <i>County</i> |
| 295  | Prairie Heights | \$ 9,046  | \$ 30,112   | 232.88%   | Decatur       |
| 207  | Ft. Leavenworth | \$ 4,612  | \$ 12,480   | 170.60%   | Leavenworth   |
| 443  | Dodge City      | \$ 4,415  | \$ 9,933  | 124.98%   | Ford          |
| 305  | Salina          | \$ 5,565  | \$ 11,949   | 114.72%   | Saline        |
| 445  | Coffeyville     | \$ 4,610  | \$ 9,584  | 107.90%   | Montgomery    |
| 353  | Wellington      | \$ 4,682  | \$ 9,700  | 107.18%   | Sumner        |
| 431  | Hoisington      | \$ 6,031  | \$ 11,945   | 98.06%  | Barton        |
| 208  | Wakeeney        | \$ 6,626  | \$ 12,917   | 94.94%  | Trego         |
| 428  | Great Bend      | \$ 5,004  | \$ 9,648  | 92.81%  | Barton        |
| 475  | Junction City   | \$ 4,790  | \$ 9,182  | 91.69%  | Geary         |

| <b>Top Ten Increases in Per-Pupil Spending (raw numbers)<br/>1993-94 to 2004-05</b> |                 |   |   |   |               |
|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---------------|
| <i>USD</i>  | <i>USD Name</i> | <i>1993-94<br/>Per-Pupil<br/>Total<br/>Spending</i> | <i>2004-05<br/>Per-Pupil<br/>Total<br/>Spending</i> | <i>Change in<br/>Per-Pupil<br/>Spending</i> | <i>County</i> |
| 295   | Prairie Heights | \$ 9,046  | \$ 30,112   | \$ 21,066                                   | Decatur       |
| 207   | Ft. Leavenworth | \$ 4,612  | \$ 12,480   | \$ 7,868                                    | Leavenworth   |
| 228   | Hanston         | \$ 9,312  | \$ 16,854   | \$ 7,542                                    | Hodgeman      |
| 104   | White Rock      | \$ 8,566  | \$ 15,421   | \$ 6,855                                    | Jewell        |
| 401   | Chase           | \$ 8,367  | \$ 15,024   | \$ 6,657                                    | Rice          |
| 217   | Rolla           | \$ 11,002   | \$ 17,580   | \$ 6,578                                    | Morton        |
| 305   | Salina          | \$ 5,565  | \$ 11,949   | \$ 6,384                                    | Saline        |
| 208   | Wakeeney        | \$ 6,626  | \$ 12,917   | \$ 6,291                                    | Trego         |
| 368   | Paola           | \$ 7,505  | \$ 13,604   | \$ 6,099                                    | Miami         |
| 431   | Hoisington      | \$ 6,031  | \$ 11,945   | \$ 5,914                                    | Barton        |



## Notes

### **Notice About This Revised Edition**

Following the initial publication of this report, the Flint Hills Center discovered that Appendix 5 was faulty due to an editing error. That appendix has since been fixed, and several charts have since been updated. The cost-effectiveness table of pages 9 through 17, the foundation of the report, was not affected.

### **Sources**

The **spending** information in this paper can be found in the *Total Expenditures by District* report from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). It can be found online at [http://www3.ksde.org/leaf/data\\_warehouse/data\\_warehouse.htm](http://www3.ksde.org/leaf/data_warehouse/data_warehouse.htm). An enhanced version of the report can be obtained through the website of the Kansas Legislative Research District, at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ksleg/KLRD/Publications/SchoolDistNum.pdf>.

Data on district **achievement** comes from the Kansas Education Comparative Performance & Fiscal System, a database maintained by the KSDE. The database also provides the enrollment numbers.

### **District Consolidation**

Due to district consolidation since 2002, several small districts are not included in this report. A total of 941.3 FTE students are affected, which represents less than one half of one percent of total enrollment in the state. There is no longer a TER for USD 280 Morland; it was consolidated with USD 281 Hill City on July 1, 2002. The new district is USD 281 Hill City. In 2001-02, USD 280 had an FTE of 28.5. Information as reported by KSDE is included for USD 281, but not USD 280. In the 2004-05, USD 281 had an FTE of 407.1. The last TER for USD 317 Herndon and USD 318 Atwood was for the school year 2002-2003. The two combined to form USD 105 Rawlins County on July 1, 2003. In 2004-05, USD 105 had an FTE of 346.5 students. The last TER for USD 302 Ransom/Smoky Hill and USD 304 Bazine was 2003-04. The two combined to form USD 106 Western Plains on July 1, 2004. For the 2004-05 school year, USD 106 had an FTE of 189.5. The last TER for USD 301 NesTreLaGo was 2003-04; it dissolved on July 1, 2005, with most students transferring to the newly created USD 106 Western Plains. Neither district is included in this report.

### **Missing Data**

Data on eighth-grade test scores were missing for the following districts: USD 213 West Solomon; USD 221 North Central; USD 228 Hanston; USD 275 Triplains; USD 279 Jewell; USD 295 Prairie Heights; USD 324 Eastern Heights; USD 371 Montezuma; USD 390 Hamilton; USD399 Paradise; USD 424 Mullinville; USD 425 Highland; USD 468 Healy, and USD 502 Lewis.

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