



March 20, 2019

Chairwoman Williams and Members of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee,

During the March 19 hearing on Senate Bill 142, a member of the public who was testifying on the bill was asked a question regarding Shawnee Mission School District salary increases. The question included the assertion that “last year Shawnee Mission received \$4.0 million” in the school finance bill and teachers received only \$467,000 in salary increases and administrators received the other funding in big raises.

This statement is completely inaccurate, and we are compelled to correct the error.

The question was read from a think-tank newsletter from August 2018 and does not accurately reflect how we used the additional funding. In reality, teachers received raises of \$2,765,880, classified staff received raises of \$778,566, and administrators received raises of \$129,040.

Following is the last five years of pay raises the SMSD provided for teachers, classified staff, and administrators.

Shawnee Mission School District Historical Raises

	<u>Certified</u>		<u>Classified</u>		<u>Administrators</u>	
14-15	5.15%	\$ 5,580,056	5.3%	\$ 1,492,555	5.14%	\$ 677,438
15-16	1.77%	1,972,139	2.0%	551,568	1.70%	203,658
16-17	2.82%	2,618,347	2.0%	531,113	2.07%	262,305
17-18	5.80%	6,688,563	6.1%	1,581,124	3.00%	398,556
18-19	2.33%	2,765,880	2.7%	778,566	1.00%	129,040

Thank you for the opportunity to correct this error, and we welcome any opportunity to share with the committee the great work we are doing in the Shawnee Mission School District. Best of luck as you continue to address the challenging issues this session.

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