

SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.232 BOARD RESOLUTION

Kansas State Legislative Actions Relating to Nonresident Enrollment

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 232, Johnson County, Kansas, regarding the K-12 Education Appropriations and Other Provisions; Senate Sub for HB 2567 as enrolled and placed in law on May 26, 2022, specifically section 16 which reads:

Sec. 16. On and after July 1, 2023, K.S.A. 72-3123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-3123. (a) *Beginning in school year 2024-2025, any child of school age pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3118, and amendments thereto, may attend a school operated by a school district where such child does not reside if such school district has open seats as determined pursuant to this section.*

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of the State of Kansas provided in Article 6 of the State's Constitution for the establishment and maintenance of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the people of Kansas approved by popular vote a constitutional amendment in 1966 endowing locally elected boards of education with the sole responsibility of maintaining, developing, and operating local public schools; and

WHEREAS, the board has exercised its authority as granted in the State's Constitution to manage the district's enrollment and finances by serving students within the district's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the board has and will attempt to provide adequate spaces for a growing population of students financed primarily by local taxpayers through approved bond elections; and

WHEREAS, the board must allocate local resources for additional enrollment of nonresident students the first year they are enrolled, recognizing state base funding lags a school year; and

WHEREAS, the district has experienced exponential growth in previous decades recognizing the size and scope of the development of De Soto's Astra Enterprise Park – Panasonic Project, it will be difficult to predict impacts on future enrollment.

WHEREAS, current students who reside and attend school in USD 232, then move outside the boundaries, are not provided priority over those who have never attended and never resided in the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the locally elected Board of Education of Unified School District No. 232, Johnson County, Kansas, call upon the Kansas State Legislature to repeal Sec. 16 of Senate Sub for HB 2567 and provide flexibility for locally elected officials to make decisions related to enrollment of nonresident students.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 232, Johnson County, Kansas, on this date, the 6th day of this month, November of this year, 2023.