Haysville Public Schools
2025 Legislative Platform

Haysville Public Schools is committed to providing all students access to an exemplary public education experience through access to diverse and interactive learning experiences. Through the development of the 2023-28 Community Strategic Plan, the USD 261 community identified four areas of focus: Student Engagement, Culture, Resources, and Community Engagement.

To achieve this commitment, the USD 261 Board of Education 2025 legislative priorities include:

School Funding

Adequate and equitable funding is critical to ensuring all students have the skills necessary to develop into graduates who are college and career ready. For this reason, we support,

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- Legislation which fully funds the Base Aid for Student Excellence.
- The renewal of the current school finance formula.
- Increased Funding for Early Childhood Education: Early intervention is critical to the educational success of at-risk students, especially those who are in poverty and experiencing developmental delays.
- Career and Technical Education: Continue to expand the funding of CTE pathways to ensure districts have the resources needed to prepare students for the workforce.
- Special Education: The legislature meeting the statutory obligation to reimburse special education service costs at the mandatory rate of 92% of excess costs.
- Local Control: Legislation that empowers elected school board members with local decision-making authority.

We oppose:

- The allocation of public funds for vouchers, tax credits, educational savings accounts or any other legislation that provides state funds to private schools who are not held to the same legal requirements as public schools.

Support Education Professionals

The ability to attract and retain highly qualified teachers continues to be a challenge for school districts across Kansas. This problem was compounded through the pandemic. For this reason, we support,

- Pursue teacher licensure reciprocity to expand the pool of highly qualified teacher applicants.
- Supporting the State Board of Education's professional licensing standards for professional educators.
- Improvement of KPERS retirement benefits for educators. Specifically, moving educators from KPERS Tier 3 and placing them at Tier 2.

School Safety

The social and emotional needs of students continue to grow, and in a growing number of instances, schools are the child's primary source for help. For this reason, we support,

- Expand resources for schools to address social/ emotional/mental health needs of students.
- Expanded resources for addressing youth vaping and drug use.

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