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Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

Senate says 'NO' to
Building Common Core

By Lori Loman

SENATE — The Kansas Senate passed a plan to increase school funding by 5.5% over the next three years, but rejected a measure to build a common core curriculum for all students in the state.

The Senate passed the funding plan by a 19-12 vote. The plan would increase the state's per-pupil expenditure from \$9,300 to \$9,795 by 2017. The plan also would increase the state's contribution to local school districts from 50% to 54%.

The Senate also rejected a measure to build a common core curriculum for all students in the state. The measure would have required all students to take the same core subjects in high school, including math, science, English and social studies.

The Senate also passed a measure to create a new board to oversee the state's public schools. The board would be made up of representatives from the state's public schools, the legislature and the public.



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Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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