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Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

State says 'NO' to Building Common Core

By JENNIFER HANSEN

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Senate on Wednesday passed a plan to increase state funding for public schools by 10 percent over the next five years, but rejected a proposal to require all schools to use a common core curriculum.

The Senate passed the funding plan by a 21-10 vote, while the common core proposal was defeated by a 14-17 vote. The funding plan would increase state aid to schools from \$1.2 billion in 2013 to \$1.32 billion in 2018. The common core proposal would have required all schools to use a set of standards developed by the National Council on Education and the Arts.

The funding plan also includes a 10-cent increase in the state sales tax, which would generate an additional \$100 million in revenue. The common core proposal would have required schools to use a set of standards developed by the National Council on Education and the Arts.

Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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