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Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

State says 'No' to Building Common Core

By Christine Ross

SENATORS in the Kansas Senate today passed a plan to expand state funding for schools, but they also rejected a measure to build a common core curriculum for the state.

The House passed the funding plan in 2012, but it was vetoed by Governor Brown-Becker. The Senate passed a revised plan today that includes a 1.5% increase in state funding for schools over the next five years, plus a one-time \$1 billion infusion for capital projects.

The plan also includes a 1.5% increase in state funding for higher education over the next five years, plus a one-time \$500 million infusion for capital projects.

The Senate also rejected a measure to build a common core curriculum for the state. The measure would have required all schools to use the same curriculum by 2015.

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Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

City officials say rates will cover costs and ensure sustainability

By Christine Ross

SALINA CITY officials say they are raising water rates to help cover the cost of maintaining and upgrading the city's aging water infrastructure.

The city council approved a new rate schedule that will increase rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

The new rates are designed to cover the cost of depreciation and maintenance of the city's water infrastructure, which is estimated to be worth \$100 million.

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