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Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

State says 'NO' to building common core

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Senate on Thursday passed a \$1.2-billion expansion of the state's school funding plan, but rejected a proposal to build a common core curriculum for all students.

The Senate passed the funding plan by a 27-12 vote, while the House passed a similar measure by a 54-38 vote. The funding plan would increase the state's per-pupil expenditure by about 10 percent over the next five years, with the largest increases in the first two years.

The common core proposal, which would require all students to take the same math and science tests, was rejected by a 19-13 vote in the Senate and a 48-32 vote in the House.

The funding plan would also create a new state education board to oversee the state's schools and to recommend changes to the funding plan.

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Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

City officials say rates will be set to cover costs of water treatment and distribution

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Salina city officials on Thursday announced they will raise water rates to cover the cost of a new water treatment plant and to ensure the city's water supply remains sustainable.

The city council approved a rate schedule that would increase the average monthly bill by about 10 percent. The new rates would be in effect starting in July.

The city is planning to build a new water treatment plant that will cost about \$10 million. The new plant will have a capacity of 10 million gallons per day.

The city is also planning to build a new water distribution system that will cost about \$5 million. The new system will have a capacity of 10 million gallons per day.

The city officials say the new rates will be set to cover the cost of the new water treatment plant and to ensure the city's water supply remains sustainable.