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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 Friday passed a plan to increase state funding for public schools, but rejected a measure to require the state to fund a common core curriculum.

The Senate passed a bill that would increase state funding for public schools by \$1.5 billion over the next five years. The bill also would require the state to fund a common core curriculum, but that part of the bill was rejected by a 21-12 vote.

The common core curriculum is a set of standards for math and English language arts that is used by many states. It is designed to ensure that students in different states are learning the same things.

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Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Salina officials are looking for ways to raise water rates to help pay for the city's water treatment plant. The city's water treatment plant is one of the most expensive in the state, and the city is looking for ways to raise rates to help pay for it.

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