

TASTE OF CHINA
LAYERED SALES OF DIFFERENT CUISINES
Lamb - Crab Legs \$19.99 • Macaroni & Crab Meat \$19.99

SEXUAL ASSAULT
Sexual assault a growing epidemic

GROWING TOGETHER
Community gardens cultivate more than vegetables

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STATE MATCHING INCREASES TO 54%
SALES TAX REMAINS AT 2.2%
PROPERTY TAX DECREASES TO 2.4%

Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

Senate signs bill to expand Common Core

By JENNIFER HANSEN

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas State Senate today passed a bill that would expand the state's Common Core standards to include all public schools, including charter schools, and would also increase the state's funding for education.

The bill, known as H.R. 227, would require all public schools to adopt the Common Core standards by the end of the 2015-16 school year. It also would increase the state's funding for education by \$1 billion over the next five years.

The bill was passed by a 23-12 vote in the Senate. It is now headed to the House for consideration.

The bill is part of a larger effort to improve the state's education system. It is one of several bills that have been introduced in the past few months to address issues such as teacher pay, school safety, and curriculum standards.

The bill is expected to be signed into law by Governor Brown-Becker in the next few weeks.

Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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