Local Elections play a Major Role in the Economic Future of the 2nd Congressional District

-Kansas Policy Institute

About Kansas Policy Institute

- Non-profit research and education organization with offices in Wichita and Overland Park.
- Protect constitutional rights, promote policies to hold taxes down, and create better educational opportunities.
- 2 subsidiaries:
 - Sentinel online news service
 - Kansas Justice Institute; public-interest litigation center



Local elections and the future

- Are your property taxes reasonable?
- Are school districts properly preparing kids for college and career?
- Do rural co-op electric rates encourage economic development?
- Do you want local officials to mandate how to build fences and how you can use your land?
- If any answer is 'no,' how will anything change if you aren't engaged?



County property tax hikes, 1997 - 2018

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Shermar 168.7%		homas 154.3%	Sheridan 145.2%	Graham 88.4%	Rooks 80.0%	Osborne 238.0%	Mitchell 401.7%	Cloud 189.6%	Clay 166.6%	RIEV	lawatome	ackson	179.5% Itea fferson 224.	venworth
Wallace 274.2%	Log 217.		Gove 259.9%	Trego 137.0%	Ellis 171.1%	Russell 130.2%	Lincoln 238.3%	Ottawa 237.9%	Dickinso	Geary 279.8%	Wabaunsee 242.4%	Shawnee 130.5%	33.3% Douglas 348.9%	186.1% Johnson 244.0%
Greeley	Wichita	Scott	Lane	Ness	Rush	Barton	Ellsworth 93.9%	Saline 288.7%	266.9%	Morris 206.4%	Lyon	Osage 416.8%	Franklin 183.2%	Miami 184.9%
159.5%	149.0%	249.3% Finney	207.5%	130.9% Hodgeman	116.7% Pawnee 135.8%	179.6%	Rice 75.4%	McPherson 147.9%	Marior 247.9%			Coffey 101.8%	Anderson 234.0%	Linn 208.3%
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Stanton 74.3%	Grant -37.5%	Haskell 172.6%	154.7%	Ford 129.9%	Kiowa 141.1%	Pratt 178.7%	Kingman 186.8%	Sedgy 102.6		212.1%	Elk 134.1%	Wilson 121.9%	Neosho 171.1%	Crawford 134.7%
Morton 42.9%	Stevens 17.5%	Seward 115.3%	Meade 114.9%	Clark 93.8%	Comanche 150.2%	Barber 244.9%	Harper 87.0%	Sumr 108.2		Cowley 185.6%		ontgomen 183.0%	y Labette 170.5%	Cherokee 180.1%

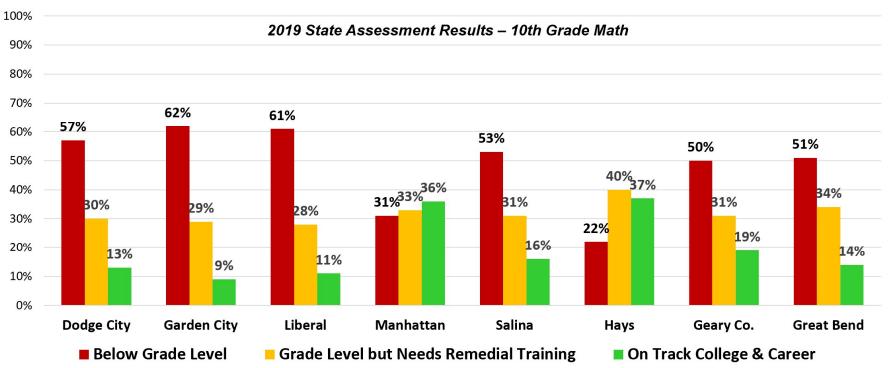


Local officials use your money to lobby against you and against property tax honesty

- SB 13 would make city and county officials vote on the entire property tax increase they impose.
- Cities and counties openly opposed last year; asking to have it delayed this year because they are too busy.
 - Sedgwick County supports SB 13 because a commissioner persuaded his colleauges to change their minds.
- Tell state reps you want SB 13 approved as passed by the Senate.

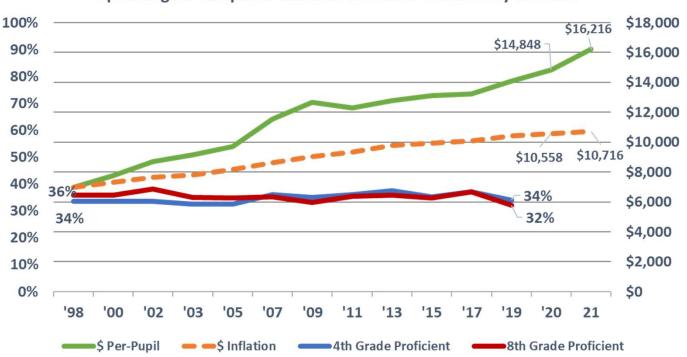


Many school districts have more kids below grade level than on track for college or career





Achievement declining statewide while funding explodes



Spending Far Outpaces Inflation but NAEP Proficiency is Lower

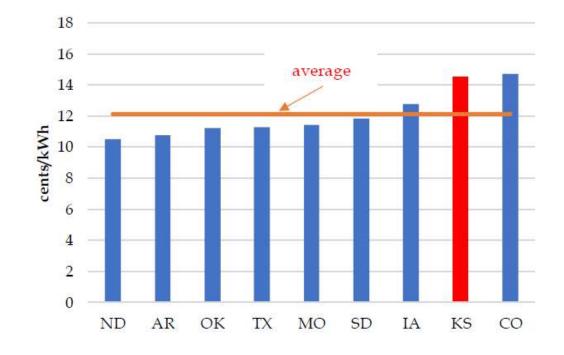


School board members use your money to lobby against accountability

- HB 2067 would require districts to allocate sufficient funding within available resources so that all students may (essentially) achieve grade level.
- "... if this passes, we'd be held accountable! "
- Uh, yeah, that's the point.



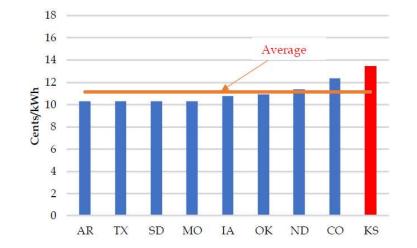
Kansas has 2nd-highest residental co-op rates



2018 Average residential electricity prices of co-ops in the region (cents/kWh)

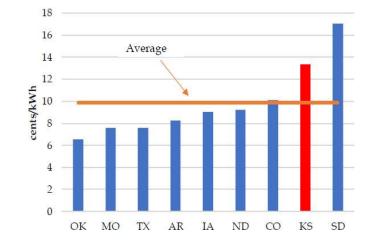


Kansas has worst commercial rates and 2ndhighest industrial co-op rates



2018 Average commercial electricity prices of co-ops in the region (cents/kWh)

2018 Average industrial electricity rates of co-ops in the region (cents/kWh)





High rates allow co-ops to pay high wages

2018 General Manager Pay at Kansas Electric Cooperatives										
Utility Name	Location	Total								
CMS Electric	Meade	\$	1,088,374							
Pioneer Electric	Ulysses	\$	653,127							
Wheatland Electric	Scott City	\$	605 <i>,</i> 849							
FreeState Electric	Topeka	\$	559 <i>,</i> 962							
Prairie Land Electric	Norton	\$	460,017							
Midwest Energy, Inc.	Hays	\$	450,100							
Victory Electric	Dodge City	\$	442,672							
Lyon-Coffey Electric	Burlington	\$	364,229							
Butler Rural Electric	El Dorado	\$	306,199							
Sumner-Cowley Electric	Wellington	\$	292,531							
Lane Scott Electric	Dighton	\$	284,813							
Bluestem Electric	Wamego	\$	270,263							
D S & O Electric	Solomon	\$	268,925							
Flint Hills Rural Electric	Council Grove	\$	261,795							
Ninnescah Rural Electric	Pratt	\$	261,596							
Rolling Hills Electric	Beloit	\$	250,672							
Source: Co-op 990 tax returns										



Lyon County adopted bad zoning laws

- County can dictate fence materials.
- Tests to prove land is used for agricultural purposes if less than 40 acres.
- Go through permit process to build outbuildings (scaled drawings, photos, property comparisons, etc.).
- Judge can grant warrants to inspect homes for zoning violations.



Running for office is just one way to get involved

- Precinct chairs.
- Volunteer to help with campaigns.
- Encourage civic and business groups to get presentations on major issues.
- Share information on social media.



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