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Senate Committee on Education

Dr. Deena Horst and Ann Mah, Liaisons, Kansas State Board of Education

Madam Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for the hearing today on the important issue of school cardiac emergency preparedness. The Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) supports providing guidance to school districts on cardiac emergency plans and the establishment of the school cardiac emergency response grant program.

KSBE also appreciates how all relevant stakeholders came together to move this effort forward. We believe input from all parties made this bill a product that will bring awareness and save lives. We do, however, want to be sure that this is not another unfunded mandate, so we especially support the provision that the Legislature must fund the plan.

KSBE and the Kansas State Department of Education look forward to providing whatever help we can in the implementation of the plan once funded and bringing greater awareness to the issue of cardiac emergencies to our school districts.