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**TO:** House Government Efficiency Committee  
**FROM:** Andy Tompkins, CEO and President  
**DATE:** March 6, 2012  
**RE:** Questions regarding the Kan-ed Program

I am writing to respond to requests for information at the hearing on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There were the following requests for additional information regarding the Kan-ed program:

1. What sites were connected that were not Kan-ed members and what is their status today?
  - a. The Garden City USD recommended the Garden City Zoo be connected to network so that they could provide video conferencing which would be of benefit to the school district. The Garden City Zoo is scheduled to be removed from the network on April 30, 2012.
  - b. The Kansas Hospital Association was recommended to be connected by Stormont Vail Hospital due to the significant number of hospitals that receive information, training and other support from KHA. The 36 month contract for KHA expires on June 15, 2012 and they are in the process of finding an alternative provider and will be disconnected from the network on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Cytex is the company that provides video conferencing support for a large number of Kan-ed members. Cytex pays 100% of the costs to be connected to the network so this connection has not cost the state any money. The 36 month contract will expire on September 23, 2012.
2. What new connections have been made to the Kan-ed 2.0 network recently?
  - a. Atchison USD 409 was connected on July 7, 2011 with the site paying for 100% of the costs for the 30 MG connection.
  - b. Chautauqua USD 286 was connected on June 29, 2011 with the site paying 100% for the 4.5 MG circuit.
  - c. Cherokee USD 247 elementary school was connected on December 5, 2011. The elementary school is being connected through their local provider, CrawKan Telephone.
3. Explain in detail the \$4m in budget cuts that Kan-ed incurred this fiscal year.
  - a. Reduction in FY12 budget

\$360,000	eliminated Tutor.com content
\$ 90,000	reduced EMResource content by 50%
\$434,500	reduced library database funding by 50%

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\$541,241	reduced learning station content by 50%
\$1,550,000	reduced grants for video equipment for distance learning for members
\$24,000	reduced Kan-ed's membership to KanRen
\$173,115	reduced services provided by the Kan-ed network operations center
\$237,004	eliminated funding of 3 positions
\$100,000	reduce on site repairs of Kan-ed equipment located at the member site
\$250,000	research and reporting by OEIE located at Kansas State University
\$200,000	reduced emergency equipment replacement
<u>\$ 97,140</u>	reduced various office operational costs
\$4,057,000	Total reductions

I hope these responses give you the information that the committee has requested. If we can provide other information that may assist you, please feel free to contact our office.