

The mission of the Haysville Public Schools is the relentless pursuit of excellence.

USD 261 Haysville Public Schools Board of Education is committed to ensuring every child who enters our schools has access to unparalleled educational opportunities. This includes rigorous academics, resources designated to meet the ever changing social/emotional needs of students, and access to extracurricular activities.

To achieve this commitment, the USD 261 Board of Education 2022 legislative priorities include:

School Funding

Adequate and equitable funding is critical to ensuring all students have the skills necessary to develop into graduates who are college and career ready. For this reason, we support,

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- Legislation which fully funds the Base Aid for Student Excellence.
- Bond and Interest State Aid: Remove the cap that may limit the ability to provide facilities needed to support a continually growing district. Restore state aid rates to adequate levels that existed prior to 2015.
- Increased Funding for Early Childhood Education: Early intervention is critical to the educational success of at-risk students, especially those who are in poverty and experiencing developmental delays.
- Career and Technical Education: Continue to expand the “Excel in CTE Initiative” funding as participation grows to provide the resources needed to prepare students for the workforce.
- Special Education: Fund excess costs at the statutory level of 92%.

We oppose:

- The allocation of public funds for vouchers, tax credits, educational savings accounts or any other legislation that provides state funds to private schools who are not held to the same accountability levels as public schools.

Support Education Professionals

The ability to attract and retain highly qualified teachers continues to be a challenge for school district across Kansas. This problem has been compounded through the pandemic. For this reason, we support,

- Pursue teacher licensure reciprocity to expand the pool of highly qualified teacher applicants.

School Safety

The social and emotional needs of students continue to grow, and in a growing number of instances, schools are the child’s primary source for help. For this reason, we support,

- Expand resources for schools to address social/ emotional/mental health needs of students.