

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 240  
OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 240 BOARD OF  
EDUCATION URGING KANSAS LEGISLATORS TO PRESERVE THE  
CURRENT STANDARDS AND EDUCATIONAL PATH OF THE STATE OF  
KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Unified School District 240 Board of Education was provided information by the Kansas Association of School Boards and the USD 240 administrative staff regarding the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards that are based on the Common Core standards; and

WHEREAS, Unified School District 240 Board of Education agrees that the Federal Government should not, nor have they, set curriculum in Unified School District 240 Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Unified School District 240 Board of Education desires that all curriculum decisions be made at the state and local level by the State Board of Education and the Local Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, both houses of the Kansas Legislature have introduced bills in the past that are detrimental to public education in the State of Kansas by seeking to remove powers inherent to the Kansas State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, these Bills have sought to change the curriculum and educational path of the State of Kansas established by the Kansas State Board of Education and Kansas Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, these Bills additionally sought to eliminate sections of the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards that the Kansas State Board of Education adopted in October of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards are a state-led effort that is mandatory for maintaining public funding; and

WHEREAS, local teachers, principals, superintendents and others decide how the standards are to be met by devising lesson plans and tailoring instruction to the individual needs of students in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards are a clear set of shared goals and expectations for what knowledge and skills will help our students succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards were developed to establish a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through twelfth grade in English, language arts, mathematics and science that states voluntary adopt; and

WHEREAS, the standards are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared for credit-bearing entry courses in two or four-year college programs or entry into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards are needed in Twin Valley to accommodate families and students transferring from various states and will allow continuity.

WHEREAS, after much research and discussion the Unified School District 240 Board of Education supports implementation of the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards as an independent agency absent of Federal intervention; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Unified School District 240 Board of Education urges all Kansas Legislators to diligently preserve current educational and academic standards, commonly known as the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards, that reflect the expertise of educators and continues to strengthen the scholastic core of all Kansas schools. The Board further authorizes and directs the superintendent to take all appropriate steps and use such system resources as he deems reasonably necessary to provide information regarding this issue to members of the public and city, county or state officials as he considers required or advisable. The Unified School District 240 Board of Education hereby ratifies any and all actions of the superintendent previously undertaken with respect to this issue.

READ, APPROVED, AOPTED, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.

  
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USD 240 Board President

ATTEST:

  
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Superintendent