

On April 18, 2018 the US Department of Education released preliminary Title I allocations to state departments of education. Due to a confluence of factors, Kansas received a significant reduction in the share of total Title I funds. Below is a brief summary of those factors.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to use four statutory formulas--Basic Grants, Concentration Grants, Targeted Grants, and Educational Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG) to calculate Title I, Part A (Title I) allocations. All four formulas are based on a combination U.S. Census poverty count data and the amount of funds a state expends per pupil for education.

- 1) Nationally, Title I Funding for 2018-19 is up 1.94% (+\$300,000,000), from the prior year. Some states did have significant increases in the total share of the funding.
- 2) The Kansas share of this formula grant is down 8.9% (-\$9,583,856) from the prior year.
- 3) The Title I funding formula is set in statute by Congress and the KSDE has no control over the variables, which include:
  - a. State per pupil expenditure (SPPE)
  - b. Number of children age 5-17 at the federal poverty level according to the annual census sample
  - c. Number of children above the federal poverty level (FPL) receiving basic TANF support
  - d. Number of children in foster care
- 4) 2015-16 SPPE for Kansas was **down \$117**, but on average the nation was **up \$143**.
- 5) Only three other states had a decline in SPPE during this period and KS had the greatest decrease.
- 6) In SFY16 Kansas has both a decrease in the percent of students below the federal poverty level **AND** a decrease in the total number of all children age 5-17.
- 7) Kansas does not provide TANF basic support to families above the federal poverty level.
- 8) The 2018-19 awards are based on lagged SPPE data from 2015-16 school year. As a result, we do not expect to see the increases to school funding that the current legislature has made reflected in an increase to SPPE until 2020-2021.