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### Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

Senate says 'No' to Building Common Core

By Chris Lillis

TOPEKA — The Kansas Senate on Wednesday passed a bill that would increase state funding for public schools by 5.5 percent over the next five years, but rejected a measure to build a common core curriculum for the state.



Sen. Matt Haney, R-Topeka, speaking at a Senate hearing on a proposed school funding plan in Topeka, Kan. The plan would increase state funding for public schools by 5.5 percent over the next five years.

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### Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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