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Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

State says 'NO' to Building Common Core

By JENNIFER HANSEN

TOPEKA — The Kansas Senate on Tuesday passed a sweeping school funding plan that would increase state spending on public schools by \$1.1 billion over the next five years. The plan also would expand the state's public school finance program to include private and charter schools.

The Senate's action comes as the state's public schools face a projected \$1.1 billion deficit for the 2015 fiscal year. The plan would increase state spending on public schools from \$1.8 billion in 2014 to \$2.9 billion in 2019. The plan also would increase the state's public school finance program to include private and charter schools.

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Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity

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SALINA — Salina's water utility is raising rates to help pay for a \$100 million water treatment plant that will be built in the next few years. The utility says the rates are needed to keep the city's water supply clean and safe.

The utility's rates are the highest in the region, and the city says it needs the extra revenue to pay for the plant. The plant will be built in the next few years and will cost \$100 million. The utility says the rates are needed to keep the city's water supply clean and safe.