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### Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan

State says 'NO' to Building Common Core

By JENNIFER HANSEN

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Senate on Wednesday passed a plan to increase state funding for public schools by 10 percent over the next five years, a move that would end a decade-long period of budget cuts. The plan also would allow the state to sue to force the federal government to pay for the state's share of the cost of the Common Core standards, which the state has rejected.

The Senate passed the plan by a 21-10 vote. The House is expected to pass a similar plan. The plan would increase state funding for public schools by 10 percent over the next five years, from \$1.5 billion in 2013 to \$1.65 billion in 2018. The plan also would allow the state to sue to force the federal government to pay for the state's share of the cost of the Common Core standards, which the state has rejected.

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

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SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Salina officials are looking for ways to conserve water and reduce costs as they raise rates to help pay for a new water treatment plant. The city is raising rates by 10 percent, from \$1.50 per 100 gallons to \$1.65 per 100 gallons. The city is also looking for ways to conserve water, such as installing water-saving devices in homes and businesses.

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