

Reasons for the increase in LOB

- Capture all of the State Aid Possible
- District would generate 68.43% state aid on every dollar collected in the Local Option Budget.
- Gain \$167,225 in new money without increasing local taxes

What would the new revenue support?

- Update student technology for the classroom
- Instructional supplies and equipment
- Support lower class sizes
- Support student achievement activities in the classroom

If you are not a registered voter, you have until January 20th at 5:00 pm to register to vote. The following link will give you an online Voter Registration Application: <http://www.bucoks.com/DocumentCenter/View/1363>. Patrons can register online or print the form and send it in by mail. The district office can also assist you by providing a Voter Registration Application.

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Mail Ballot Election



The Douglass School Board voted to authorize a Mail Ballot Election for the purpose of gaining the budget authority to increase the Local Option Budget (LOB) from 30% to 33%. The statutory limit is currently 30% of the district's general fund. During the 2014 legislative session the legislature passed legislation that gave school districts the ability to increase the LOB 3%, by requiring a mail ballot election. The LOB is offset by state aid which is based on the assessed valuation of individual school districts.

STATE AID

The Douglass School district has a relatively low assessed valuation and subsequently receives 68.43% state aid. That means for every dollar that is generated by local taxes the school district receives 68.43% of that dollar in state aid. The increase of 3% in the LOB equates to \$167,225 of additional revenue to support students learning.

TAXES

One of the important issues to understand is at the present time the Douglass school district will not have to raise property taxes to increase the LOB based on the current formula. The district has effectively managed the budget during these difficult times; therefore, if voters approve this measure it is anticipated that the mill levy will not increase.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

"Shall the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 396, Butler County, State of Kansas, be authorized to increase its local option budget authority by an additional 3% (from 30% to 33%) of its state financial aid?"

To vote in favor, vote
"YES"

To vote against, vote "NO"

Voting "YES" increases budget authority and does not increase local taxes.

Ballots will be mailed January 26 and must be mailed before February 10.