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ENROLLMENT: AUGUST 1, 2013

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

MS/HS in School Library

Elementary in New Gymnasium

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 22, 2013

Textbook Rental Fees

Kindergarten (1/2 Day & All Day).....	\$35.00	Grade 1-12.....	\$60.00
Reduced Rate.....	\$ 8.85	Reduced Rate.....	\$15.00

Families that qualify for free meals will also receive free textbooks, if requested. Families that qualify for reduced meals will receive the reduced fee for textbooks, if requested. **No family will be assessed more than \$120 per family for textbook rental fees per year.**

Those unable to enroll at the stated times above, please call the particular building office to make further arrangements. (Elementary School 827-8891, Middle/High School 225-6633.)

Any student new to the district must bring a birth certificate and social security card to enroll.

FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are various rights with the regards to educational records which are kept and maintained by USD 307. In accordance with FERPA, you are required to be notified of those rights that include:

1. The right to review and inspect all of your educational records except those that are specifically exempt. Records will be available within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.
2. The right to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your educational records to other persons with certain limited exceptions. Disclosure of information from your educational records to other persons will occur only if:
 - A. We have your prior written consent for disclosure, or
 - B. The information is considered "directory information" and you have not objected to the release of such information.
3. The right to request that your educational records be amended if you believe the records are misleading, inaccurate, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to request a hearing at which you may present evidence to show why the record should be changed if you request for an amendment to your records is denied in the first instance.
4. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office at the U.S. Department of Education if you believe that USD 307 has failed to comply with FERPA's requirements. The address of this office is 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Room 4074, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.
5. The right to obtain a copy of USD 307 policies for complying with FERPA. A copy may be obtained from the Ell-Saline USD 307 District Office, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157.

JULY 8 BOARD MEETING REPORT

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

FILLING OF OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

John Fouard was appointed to Position 1 (5-0) and Michelle Cooper (5-1 Mitch Drees) was appointed to the At-Large position.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jeff Parker (6-0-1 Jeff Parker) was elected President and Marty Kramer Vice-President.

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

BOE – Jeff Parker and Marty Kramer reported on the KASB meeting they attended and Mitch Drees reported on the New Board Member Workshop he attended.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: budget closeout progress; energy conservation project progress; elementary summer school; 2012-13 audit and 2013-14 budget prep; storm damage; possible Spanish instruction over ITV/IDL; read one thank you note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Appointments and Adoptions—The yearly appointments and adoptions were made. All meal prices increased by \$.10.

School Food Service Agreement—This was approved.

Board Policy 2nd Reading—The 2nd reading of new board policy GAAF Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI) was held.

Approve Handbooks—All handbooks were approved as presented.

Set Budget Hearing Date and Time—The Budget Hearing was set for 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2013.

Classified and Administrative Salaries—Classified and Administrative salaries were approved at 1.3% increase which is the same as that of returning teachers.

Supplemental Position—Kris Bell and Darcy Bradley were approved as MS Cheerleader Co-Sponsors.

Accept Resignations—The following resignations were accepted: Emyerd Wills as MS/HS Title Math Para; Donna Trowbridge with liquidated damages as 1st Grade Teacher; and Susan Rose’s retirement as Board Clerk effective November 1, 2013.

Kindergarten Payment Schedule—It was approved to reduce the time from 1-month to 2-weeks for overdue balances to result in a student enrollment being reduced from attending all-day to only half-day.

Ratify Negotiations—Negotiations with the Ell-Saline KNEA were ratified.

Elementary School Parking Lot Drainage—Permission was given to the superintendent to secure and approve bids for a drainage project and, if under \$20,000, to approve the low bid but if over \$20,000 to have a special meeting called for the purpose of approving bids.

There were two Executive Session (Negotiations, Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Marty Kramer or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting. The Budget Hearing will take place at 6:45 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE



The importance of the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program continues to grow. This program was established and is funded at the federal level. It is a program that enables some students to eat at reduced rates and other students to eat free, and has become a guideline for determining amounts of money allotted to our district in two other programs: 1) At-risk student education program, and 2) E-rate funding for the district.

Last year 48% of our elementary students and 35% of our MS/HS students qualified to participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program. Our overall district participation was 42% of our students. The elementary percentage was up considerably from the year before whereas the MS/HS percentage stayed the same. The more students that participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program, the more funding we receive from federal sources to fund our “At-Risk” and “E-RATE” programs. The more funds we receive from them the less we have to come up with locally. **It is important to our district for all families that meet the guidelines given at the end of this article to fill out and turn in an application. All applications are kept in strict confidence so that no other students or unauthorized school personnel know who has qualified.**

The finance formula passed by the legislature last spring places even more emphasis on the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program numbers. For students that qualify for this program, we will again receive an additional funding weighting of 45.6%. The amount this generates hardly keeps up with our increased costs. My guess is that if everyone that meets the guidelines would fill out an application, we would see a considerably larger increase in funding—at no cost to our local taxpayers and patrons—and at a savings to those households that qualify.

Please review the following criteria, and if you think you might qualify and have not applied, please call Susan Rose in the district office at 785-225-6813 for your application today! An application has been mailed to all parents of students that attended our schools last year. All applications are kept in strict confidence.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

* If you now receive Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for your child(ren), they are also eligible for Child Nutrition Program free benefits. Refer to application.

* If your total household income is at or below the amounts on the Income Chart, your child(ren) can get free meals, or pay 40 cents for reduced price lunch and 30 cents for reduced price breakfast. Refer to application.

INCOME CHART

(Effective from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014)

Household Size	Annual	Month	Week
1	\$21,257	1,772	409
2	\$28,694	2,392	552
3	\$36,131	2,944	695
4	\$43,568	3,011	838
5	\$51,005	3,631	981
6	\$58,442	4,251	1,124
7	\$65,879	4,871	1,267
8	\$73,316	5,490	1,410
For each additional household member add	+7,437	+620	+144

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS



The Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that all students have a physical examination report from a licensed physician on file with the principal in order to participate in KSHSAA approved activities prior to the start of practice. Forms are available at the high school office and at the district office.



FEES IMPLEMENTED FOR 13-14 SCHOOL YEAR



Activity Fees:

\$35.00 per student, grades 7-12, for the following activities: football, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, track, softball, baseball, and cheerleading. This fee must be paid before students are allowed to play in the first game/contest.

Optional Student Activity Pass:

\$15.00 per student

ELL-SALINE MS/HS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed

Our middle/high school activities provide patrons and friends a chance to volunteer for various positions at our activities. Such positions are ticket takers, chain gang, timers, line judges, clock operators, scorers and any other positions that come available depending on the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Carazo at the district office (225-6813).

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY PASS

SENIOR CITIZENS

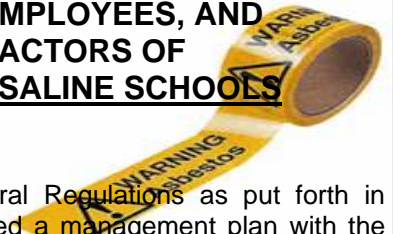
All patrons of USD 307 reaching the age of 62 will be eligible to receive a pass to all athletic functions exclusive of KSHSAA games, and any tournaments. This pass is to be used from year-to-year. Each patron who reaches the age of 62 may request a pass application at the EII-Saline Middle/High School Office. Seniors are encouraged to request this pass in person.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING



Any middle school student that is interested in cheerleading, please contact Darcy Bradley, 822-8231, or Kris Bell, 643-0686. Thank you.

ASBESTOS NOTICE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS OF USD 307 ELL-SALINE SCHOOLS



In accordance with Federal Regulations as put forth in AHERA, USD 307 has filed a management plan with the State of Kansas on or before October 12, 1988. This report contains information about the location of all asbestos containing materials located within the buildings of the district. There were only a few areas of the building that contained highly friable asbestos. By school, those are:

EII-Saline Elementary

Pipe insulation elbows in custodial room, and pipe chase.

EII-Saline Middle/High School

No highly friable asbestos.

Non friable asbestos containing materials have been identified in both buildings. All entrances to areas where friable asbestos is identified, as well as specific spot notices for workers will be marked. All suspected asbestos containing materials are monitored on a regular basis and should they become hazardous will be properly removed.

Inspections occur per the requirements of the regulations. All patrons of the district will be informed annually via the newsletter of the status of the program.

As long as the asbestos is monitored properly and is not disturbed, unless by properly trained personnel, there is no safety risk. A copy of all inspection reports and results is on file in each building as well as the central office. This information is available to all interested parties within a reasonable amount of time after a request. If you should have any questions about asbestos in our district, please do not hesitate to call the superintendent of schools.

AHERA REF. (s) #763.93. (e)(9), 763.93 (e)(10): 763.84. (c): 763.84. (f): 763.93 (g)(4)

KANCARE



Children eligible for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits may also qualify for KanCare, a program that provides health insurance for children at little or no cost.

For more information, visit the KanCare website (www.healthykids.com) or call 1-800-792-4884, Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm or Saturday from 8am to 5pm. People with hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-792-4292.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



A school lunch is available to students every full school day. Milk is served with each lunch, but students may also purchase additional milk at \$.35 per half-pint. School lunch prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$2.40
Grades 7-12.....	\$2.55
Adults.....	\$3.25

Both the secondary school and the elementary school will offer a breakfast program. Breakfast prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$1.55
Grades 7-12.....	\$1.65
Adults.....	\$2.00

People qualifying for free and reduced-priced lunches will qualify for adjusted prices in this program also. Free and reduced-priced applications are available in the school offices at enrollment time and throughout the year.

CPTA MEETING

Get Involved!!

There will be a CPTA Carnival meeting Monday, August 5th at 7:00 pm at the elementary school. Please come and get involved! Our theme is Super Heroes this year. For questions, please call Darcy Bradley at 822-8231.

FOR SALE

BIG SALE

Ell-Saline USD307 will be selling used computer equipment during School Enrollment. One item per family. All equipment is \$10.00 each. Some of the equipment includes Acer Aspire D150 Netbooks, Lenovo 61i Laptops, and HP Compaq dc7600 computers with mice and keyboards.

5TH ANNUAL ELL-SALINE FRIENDS AND ALUMNI FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday,
August 2, 2013



Check out the school website for more details @ www.ellsaline.org

BUS TRANSPORTATION



Bus routes are mapped with primary regard to safety, efficiency, and economy. Buses will be routed as close to homes as possible, but other considerations may make it necessary to have children walk a short distance. By Kansas law, whenever practicable, no student will be compelled to walk more than one mile to board a school bus. As done in past years, buses will not be entering private drives unless they are utilized as a route turn-around or for safety. Students will be required to meet the bus at the roadway.

At certain times of the year the county roads may be in bad condition. During such times, it may become necessary to alter routes to avoid placing buses in dangerous situations.

By Kansas law, all students living two and one-half miles and over from the school will be transported to and from school.

SEASONS START WITH SCRIMMAGE



The football and volleyball seasons will officially begin on **August 19th** for high school students. Everyone needs to have a physical examination by a licensed physician and have a parent or guardian sign the form. **Athletes will not be allowed to practice until their physical forms are signed.**

Practice times for high school football and volleyball will be posted at enrollment.

On Friday, **August 30, 2013** there will be a Gatorade scrimmage for high school volleyball beginning at 5:00pm with the football scrimmage beginning at 6:00pm. Bottled Drinks (**20 oz. or smaller**) are preferred rather than the large bottles or powdered mix of the various sport drinks. Team pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 5, 2013. We hope the community will come and continue their tremendous support they have been giving the Ell-Saline Cardinal activities!!

COME SUPPORT THE MS/HS BAND CAR WASH



Saturday, August 24th
7:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
@ Water's True Value

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

For purposes of FERPA, USD 307 has designated certain information contained in educational records as directory information which may be disclosed for any purpose without your consent. The following information is considered directory information: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended by the student, class designation, major field of study, and photographs.

You have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. If you refuse, you must file written notification to this effect with USD 307 at 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157 on or before August 30, 2013. If a refusal is not filed, USD 307 assumes you have no objection to the release of the directory information designated.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF ELL-SALINE STAFF



Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. Professional qualifications include:

- Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught.
- The baccalaureate degree and any other graduation certification or degree and the field of discipline for both.
- If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications.
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

If you have questions or would like to request further information, please feel free to contact Jerry Minneman, Superintendent of USD 307.

LAW REQUIRES PROOF OF IDENTITY



Kansas law states "Whenever a child enrolls in school for the first time, the board of education is required to secure proof of identity of the child..." The district will accept the following documents as proof of identity: birth certificate, baptism or hospital record, copy of court order awarding custody, certified transcript or similar pupil record.

If proof of identity is not provided within 30 days, the board must notify the local law enforcement agency.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



All students entering or enrolled in Kansas schools must have the following immunizations: measles, rubella, DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough), oral polio, and mumps. A card signed by a physician or authorized proof from a health clinic is required. All students entering kindergarten are encouraged to complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Immunization forms will be available at enrollment.

The Salina-Saline County Health Department can provide both the immunizations and the certificate necessary for students to enroll. There is a \$20 fee for each immunization. However, if your physician gives immunizations, and you have insurance that covers the expense, you are asked to have your physician give the immunization. (Comcare physicians are now providing this service to their clients.)

The health department is located at 625 E. North St. in Salina (785-826-6602). Immunizations will be given at the following times:

- Monday's and Tuesday's..... 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Wednesday's..... 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Friday's..... 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

By Kansas law, students who do not have the required immunizations within 90 days from the time of enrollment must be excluded from school.

DISTRICT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Ell-Saline USD 307, in compliance with federal statutes, is committed to the concept of equal opportunity for all individuals. For this reason, the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the Ell-Saline school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Mr. Jerry Minneman, Superintendent of Schools, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157, 785-225-6813, who has been designated by the Ell-Saline school district to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, IX, and Section 504.



2013-14 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

See our school website (www.ellsaline.org) for school/classroom supply lists.



2012-2013 SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL



Ell-Saline High School has recently released its Spring Semester Honor Roll. The staff and administration is proud of the work put in by these students to achieve this honor. To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, students had to have a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0. To be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll, students had to have a semester grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49. In addition to the grade point average criteria, the students could not have a grade of "D" or "F" during any semester grading period regardless of their overall grade point average. The Honor Roll is listed below.

"A" Honor Roll

12th Grade

Taylor Albers, Ross Armstrong, Amber Bird, Brittany Clancy, Brittany Davis, Alisha Lewis, Zachary O'Shea, Toby Omli, Courtney Reed, Jack Rhodes, Bryna Rietcheck, Kristina Ruiz, Kirsten Tremblay, Kaleb Whitehair, Darriane Wikoff, Melissa Wimer, Emily Work

11th Grade

Lara Brockway, Mason DeArvil, Baily Goddard, Aubrianna Graham, Chance Harapat, Hunter Holcom, Paige Johnson, Shannon MacPherson, Jackson McKain, Rachel Miser, Sesely Omli, Michael Pieschl, Matthew Rasmussen, Morgan Scheibler, Justin Schmutz, Garrett Schuman, Zachery Schuman, Danielle Sprinkle, Jordan Weems, Dylan Williams, Aubrey Wilson, Nicholas Younger

10th Grade

Kamdon Basinger, Emma Drees, Zachary Farrell, Chance Finch, Chase Finch, Collyn Fouard, Gayle Gillham, Levi Holcom, Garrett Jacobson, Amanda Johnson, Miranda Merrill, ToriLynn Miser, Evan Morrical, Tabitha Newton, Cody Walters, Alleigh Weems, Darby Wikoff, Matthew Willis, Monica Wolf

9th Grade

Katelynn Adam, Rosanna Arias, Ashlyn Bird, Noah Bradley, Dakota Came, Callie Cameron, Shianne Clark, Ashley Davis, Stalee Diehl, Riley Drees, Jessica Henderson, Arelia Herrman, Morgan Kindlesparger, Spencer Kochanowski, Gregory Mason, Yadira Nunez, Morgan Parker, Matthew Parks, Keaghan Patrick, Catelyn Richards, Katelynn Winter

8th Grade

Duncan Anglin, Emily Arnold, Alec Azim, Tifanie Becker, Reilly Brin, Kodee Christensen, Morgan Davenport, Baleigh Griffin, Levi Harapat, Konon Hays, Tempest Henry, Kylee Jones, Milah Linenberger, Nathan Macy, Riley McKain, Megan Northcutt, Emily Oberle, Sydney Omli, Brooklyn Plott, Kathryn Relph, Madison Schuman, Emily Wagner, Tyler Weems, Miranda Work

7th Grade

Mattie Best, Grace Bowers, Avery Bradley, Spencer Came, Skyler Clark, Richard Davis, Brody Ditto, Mason Farrell, Desiree Garman, Madelyn Hayes, Jessi Hughes, Hunter Kindlesparger, Lexington Kochanowski, Zaide Korb, Bryce Lange, Morgan Linenberger, Cheyenne Monasmith, Malik Myers, Sierra Niehaus, Murphy Seim, Sydney Watters, Lyndsi Weems, Jordan Werner, Colton White, Faith Wolf

"B" Honor Roll

12th Grade

Lucas Base, Justin Betzner, Hunter Brooks, Kyla Christensen, Keegan Hays, Lissa Jacobson, Kelsi Johnson, Michaela Lill, Dakota Monasmith, Dylan Nelson, Hailey Jo Montana Nelson, Justice Schneider, Garrett Walker, Jonathan Whiteley, Jared Winter

11th Grade

Emily Carter, Kassidy Chalmers, Staton Diehl, Forrest Dreyer, Selecia Herrman, Kalen Ingalsbe, Logan Kochanowski, Tanner Parker, Samuel Unruh, Morgan Walsh

10th Grade

LuizAntonio Arceo, Harry Black, Austin Funk, Jacob Hopkins, Shawn MacPherson, Fallyn Morrical, Kiva Phelps, Austin Sommerfeld, Terra Tanuis, Sivonna Williams, William Wilvers

9th Grade

Devin Bowers, Fernando Garcia, Jordan Holcom, Andrea Howard, Koby Ingalsbe, Chance Miller, Raven Overkamp, Emily Stelter

8th Grade

Bailey Chermak, Tanier Clifford, Jacob Funk, Hunter Hayes, Alivia Jennings, Baylee Kohman, Kade Krebaum, Caden Nelson, Makayla Pierce, John Riedel, Amanda Schneider, Vaiden White

7th Grade

Ethan Alvarez, Joshua Brandt, Whittney Cayce, Shyanne Dreyer, Derell Finch, Landon Howard, Jonah Mattson, Makayla Miller, Jennifer Nunez, Nathan Parks, Tel Phelps, Nathan Schweitzberger, Seth Steinbruck, Matthew Wilvers



Thank you Geena Kejr

The June 10 USD 307 Board of Education meeting marked the end of our longest serving current board member's tenure. Geena Kejr was the lone remaining board member from when the current superintendent was interviewed. She was first elected to serve starting in 2001 and served for three terms or 12 years. Geena was a staunch supporter of our students and their education while yet watching out for our patrons and the financial impact on them. Among many other things, Geena recently was very instrumental in the establishing of dual-credit and vocational courses for our high school students and for the passing of the bond issue that provided much needed additional space and building upgrades at both the elementary and the middle/high schools. At various times she served in leadership roles as either president or vice-president of the board. Pictured above is Jeff Parker, board president, presenting Geena with a plaque commemorating her service to the district. Thank you Geena!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

What a difference a year can make! At this time last year the ponds were drying up and the grass was brown in desperate need of some rain. Although there are cracks in the ground this year at least the ponds have water in them, the grass is green and it was a bountiful wheat harvest. We are still in need of timely rains for the fall crops but everything looks more optimistic than last year.

The custodians (David, Merle, Spencer, Zandra, Albert, Trena) are doing a great job of "cleaning up and sprucing up" all of the buildings and grounds. Their efforts show a great sense of pride in the work they are doing and it will present a positive image of the district to everyone who visits us. Brian and Danielle are busy with the yearly servicing and maintaining of our hardware and software. Another successful summer school session by many of our elementary school teachers is taking place and drivers' education is drawing to a close. Here in the office the vast majority of the textbooks and materials that were ordered have arrived and Lynn has processed them and they've been sent to the buildings. Ann is in the process of closing out last year's budget and is starting to set up next year's. Susan has updated the numerous handbooks and is preparing the forms and information that is needed for enrollment. New staff members have been interviewed and hired. We continue to interview applicants for our open 1st Grade and full-time At-Risk Reading/Math position at the Middle/High School. People sometimes ask whether the District Office is open during the summer. In many ways summer is the busiest time of the year in this office.

One of the tasks that keep us busy each summer is getting increasingly more difficult to do. That is in setting next year's budget and the reason is that we continue to have less of a budget to work with. Following several years of budget cuts and no increase in the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) this year it is getting harder to balance needs with resources. The prior years' cuts have caused us to have lesser amounts in the General Fund and LOB to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, etc. and make additional transfers after making the budgeted transfers. At the end of the 2008-2009 school year we had \$580,000 and this year we are down to approximately \$100,000 to use for those purposes. Couple that lesser amount with ever increasing costs in fuel, utilities, insurance, etc. our budget will be really tight this year. Our challenge lies in determining what services, what materials, what professional development opportunities, what utilities, what positions, etc. can we cut back on and still provide what our students need. Balancing our students' needs with maintaining a stable mill levy is always our objective. It is our hope that we will be able to keep our mill levy very close to where it was last year.

Something else that keeps us busy is in preparing for the start of the new school year. Although it's hard to imagine, in just a few short weeks school will be starting. Enrollment at both buildings will take place on Thursday, August 1. Fall sports practices start Monday, August 19, and classes begin on Thursday, August 22--which is less than a month away!! That means that once again there will be many more vehicles with young drivers on the road in the morning and afternoon. I encourage everyone to be attentive and exercise caution as they are on their travels.

Again this year I look forward to the opportunity to work with everyone in the education of our students. Last year again verified to me that Ell-Saline USD 307 is a district where students truly do receive a quality education. When people ask where I work, I'm proud to tell them that I work for the Ell-Saline School District. Stop by or give me a call so we can talk about the good things going on in your district.

EII-Saline USD 307

District Office
412 E. Anderson P.O. Box 157
Brookville, KS 67425-0157
(785) 225-6813

Middle/High School
414 E. Anderson P.O. Box 97
Brookville, KS 67425-0097
(785) 225-6633

Elementary School
1757 N. Halstead Rd.
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 827-8891

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Aug 1	8:00-1:00 Enrollment	Aug 23	1:10 Josten's/Seniors
Aug 1	5:00-8:00 Enrollment	Aug 23	2:45 Josten's/Sophomores
Aug 2	8:00 5th Annual Golf Tournament	Aug 23	ACT Test Registration Deadline
Aug 5	7:00 CPTA Carnival Mtg. @ EL	Aug 24	7:00-3:00 HS Band Car Wash @ Water's True Value
Aug 12	7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO	Aug 26	9:00 MS/HS Cheerleading Clinic @ Lindsborg
Aug 15	TEACHERS START	Aug 26	CPTA Mtg. @ EL
Aug 15	6:00 MS/HS Athletic Parent/Student Mtg.	Aug 28	6:30 Booster Club Mtg.
Aug 19	Fall Sports Practice Begins	Aug 29	6:00-8:00 Elementary Class Conf.
Aug 19	Impact Testing	Aug 30	Back-to-School Breakfast for PALS
Aug 20	Impact Testing	Aug 30	5:00 HS VB Gatorade Scrimmage @ ES
Aug 21	Impact Testing	Aug 30	Parent Meeting
Aug 21	4:30-6:30 Elementary Back-to-School Night	Aug 30	6:00 HS FB Gatorade Scrimmage @ ES
Aug 22	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Aug 30	Parent Meeting