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SENATE PRESIDENT WAGLE RESPONDS TO TODAY'S  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

**TOPEKA-** Senate President Susan Wagle (R-Wichita) today issued the following statement in response to the Kansas State Board of Education's special meeting:

“The legislature discovered \$45 million in unauthorized spending over the past five years after auditing transportation, one small part of the education formula. We cannot ignore this misappropriation of millions in unapproved funds and that is why I will continue the call for an investigative audit of the entire Department of Education budget. It is an outrage that taxpayers have been taken advantage of for this long, with a potential misappropriation of \$405 million over 30 plus years.

This is not about a single staff member, but instead about ensuring that the rule of law is followed. If this was done by an employee of a private business they would have been placed on immediate administrative leave while a thorough investigation was conducted.

You can stand with bureaucrats who've spent millions of unauthorized dollars or you can stand with the taxpayers. I will always stand with the Kansas taxpayers.”

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