

It's time to say thank you

When legislators support you, it is always important that you say thanks. To that end, we are providing you today with the list of Representatives and Senators who cast a NO vote on HB 2506, the bill mixing education funding with bad anti-teacher, anti-public education policy.

Almost every legislator on this list has consistently demonstrated their respect for public school teachers and public schools with their votes. A few may surprise you. Rep. John Edmonds explained that he voted no because his constituents were clear with him that they wanted a clean finance bill with no policy. We don't know how he personally felt about the policy, but he listened to his constituents. Senator Pyle cast a NO vote because he was angry at being cut out of the debate and perhaps because his amendment for tax relief for homeschoolers had been dropped by the conference committee.

But regardless of why they voted NO, they all did and we should let them know that we appreciate it. The bill passed by one vote in the House and by two votes in the Senate. The margin of victory by the anti-teacher, anti-public education forces was razor thin.

Also please understand that because the session was scheduled to end on Friday, April 4, a few legislators had pre-arranged events (from surgery to weddings to vacations) and were not there to vote on April 6. Those who were not there were Senators Masterson and Donovan and Representatives Carlin, Hill, Houston, Schwartz, and Sutton.

Below are direct email links to the Legislators who supported Kansas teachers and public schools. If your legislators are on the list, please send a message of thanks and appreciation. If your legislators are not on this list, feel free to send a message expressing your disappointment or just find someone to thank. Our legislators always hear when constituents are angry but rarely get a thank you. Here's a chance to tell them how appreciative you are of their service to public schools.

