

Frequently Asked Questions For District Patrons (Page 1)

AUGUST 1ST BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the following be adopted?

Shall USD 112 be disorganized pursuant to K.S.A. 72-635 to pursue attachment to another school district or organization of the schools therein in any way provided by law?

What is the vote on August 1, 2023 concerning USD 112?

On August 1, 2023 voters that reside within USD 112 boundaries will decide whether to formally disorganize the district, or to keep the district organized and intact.

WHAT WOULD A NO VOTE MEAN?

What would a no vote mean?

A NO vote would guarantee that the district would remain formally organized. It would keep the following current attendance centers open in three communities: Wilson Elementary in Wilson. Central Plains Elementary in Holyrood and Central Plains Junior Senior High School in Claflin.

Would a no vote change the current mill levy or tax rate for taxpayers in USD 112?

No, USD 112 will keep its historically low mill levy rate for current tax payers in a NO vote, and taxes will not increase.

WHAT WOULD A YES VOTE MEAN?

Would a yes vote close the USD 112 attendance centers?

Yes, since USD 112 would be disorganized all district buildings under its organizational authority will cease. The following buildings with assigned numbers would be closed: Wilson Elementary School Building No. 0415, Central Plains Elementary School Building No. 0416, Central Plains Junior Senior High School Building No. 0417, Central Plains Adult Diploma Program No. 1129, Central Plains District Office Building No. 0392.

Could USD 112 simply reorganize and start its own district if it is disorganized?

No, there is no Kansas law or statute that gives an entity the authority to start a new public school district in Kansas. A school district must be attached to an existing school district or be disorganized.

If USD 112 is disorganized in a yes vote what school district will it be attached to?

There are ten school districts that border USD 112. Ellinwood, Hoisington, Chase-Raymond, Natoma Paradise, Little River, Lyons, Ellsworth, Lincoln, Sylvan-Lucas, and Russell. The residents of USD 112 and their property could be assigned to each of the ten adjoining districts depending on their location. The State Board will get to decide for all of us.

If USD 112 is disorganized in a yes vote when will the USD 112 attendance centers with assigned building numbers close?

Per Kansas State Statute 72-635 they will be formally closed and disorganized by July 1 following the vote for disorganization. **This date would be July 1, 2024.**

Who will make the decision what district my address and students will be assigned to, if the district is disorganized in a Yes vote?

A hearing office will be appointed to make the decisions after hearing public comments.

**DISORGANIZATION
OF USD 112
BALLOT VOTE**



**UNITED
USD 112**
Save Our District

**VOTE NO ON
AUGUST 1, 2023**

UNITEDUSD112.COM



Frequently Asked Questions For District Patrons (Page 2)

Will the hearing office be a local person, and will they meet with me individually to hear my comments and concerns?

The hearing office will probably not be a local person but an education official or attorney from another area. No, the hearing officer will not meet individually with all patrons, but patrons can provide comments in a public meeting or meetings. Normal ranges for oral comments are three to five minutes.

If I do not agree with the new district I am assigned to as a parent and/or taxpayer how do I appeal my decision?

At this time it does not appear there is a method for appealing the decision.

What will the surrounding ten districts decide to do in a YES vote?

Each individual school board of education will decide what will be the best for their district. It is likely that we will NOT have representation on the newly assigned boards.

Will my student be able to receive the same special education services they have received with USD 112 in a yes vote?

No, not necessarily, students that have traditionally been served by Central Kansas Cooperative in Education in Salina may be assigned to a new district that is served by special education cooperatives and interlocals in McPherson, Great Bend, Lyons, Beloit, Phillipsburg, and Hays. Special education services are not the same in all cooperatives and interlocals.

What is the new "open borders" law in public education that goes into effect in 2024?

A new Kansas statute goes into effect in 2024. Local boards of education must set capacity limits for the number of students their district can support for each grade level. An out of district student will have to apply and be accepted in a district if they are over their capacity limit. Out of district students will be placed in a lottery system for acceptance. Siblings are not guaranteed acceptance but may be given priority. Districts are not obligated to transport out-of-district students with a bussing system.

In a yes vote if I am assigned to a new district as a taxpayer what happens to the bonded debt of USD 112?

USD 112 has no bonded debt at this time.

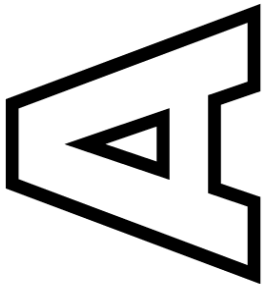
In a yes vote, when I am assigned to a new district will my current mill rate for taxes that I am paying at USD 112 be the same, will I be "grandfathered in."

No, taxpayers will be assigned the new tax rate of the new district they are assigned to. They will no longer pay the USD 112 mill rate, which is historically low. *Please see the table of mill rates for the surrounding ten districts.*

What is a Mill worth? One mill is one dollar per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value.

Source for chart to the right: Kansas State Department of Education, Reports and Publications, Assessed Valuation Reports and Mill Levy Reports, https://datacentral.ksde.org/school_finance_reports.aspx (accessed July 14, 2022)

School District	Mill Levy Rate
Sylvan-Lucas	37.21
Central Plains	40.66
Natoma - Paradise	44.96
Lincoln	46.32
Russell	47.76
Ellinwood	49.13
Ellsworth	49.13
Hoisington	54.3
Chase - Raymond	54.93
Little River	56.82
Lyons	56.99



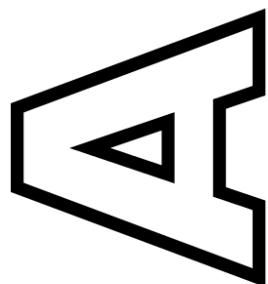
**DISORGANIZATION
OF USD 112
BALLOT VOTE**



**UNITED
USD 112**
Save Our District

**VOTE NO ON
AUGUST 1, 2023**

UNITEDUSD112.COM



Frequently Asked Questions For District Patrons (Page 3)

Will a yes vote raise my taxes on my house, farm, agricultural ground, or business?

For most patrons, YES, only one district has a lesser mill rate than USD 112. Most taxpayers will pay substantially more in taxes for their houses, farms, agricultural land, and businesses.

I do not have a child in USD 112 but I live in its boundaries or own property there, will my tax rates be affected?

Yes, anyone who resides in the district boundaries or owns real property in the district boundaries will be subjected to new mill rate levies. Nine districts have higher mill rates than USD 112, which will mean an increase in taxes for most taxpayers assigned to those nine districts.

Does USD 112 have a high assessed valuation (assessed valuation is the total amount of value of real property in the district)?

Yes, USD 112 has a very high assessed valuation of real property for its geographic and population size. For most districts that border it, it has an assessed valuation that is almost double the amounts of other neighboring districts. The value of the district in assessed valuation is similar to a larger district in Wichita, Kansas City or other metro regions of Kansas. There is considerable wealth in USD 112 as measured by assessed valuation. (Source: https://datacentral.ksde.org/school_finance_reports.aspx (accessed July 14, 2022))

Is USD 112 a large employer in Ellsworth, Rice and Barton County?

Yes, in Wilson, Holyrood and Claflin USD 112 is a large employer. It employs 107 full time workers with an annual payroll of over 3 million dollars.

If USD 112 is disorganized in a yes vote will these staff members lose their jobs?

Yes, they will lose their jobs as USD 112 employees. Many employees live in USD 112 boundaries and this will have a negative impact on the economies of various communities.

VOTING INFORMATION

How do I get registered to vote?

There are 2 ways to register to vote - online at <https://www.kdor.ks.gov/apps/voterreg/> Or through paper application - this can be downloaded from the link above or you can visit your local county election officer to get your form. Please allow time for processing. If you have questions, please call 1-800-262-VOTE(8683). **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY JULY 11, 2023!**

I will be unable to vote on August 1, can I vote in advance?

Yes, to advance vote please you must fill out an application you can get one at your county office or online at <https://www.sos.ks.gov/forms/elections/AV1.pdf>

Is identification needed to vote?

Yes, the following forms of identification are required to vote in Kansas. Driver's license or ID card issued by Kansas or another state • U.S. Passport • U.S. Military ID • ID card issued by a Native American tribe • Employee badge or ID issued by a government office • Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas • Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state • Public assistance ID card issued by a government office

Where can I vote in my county?

Polling locations are :

Lutheran Parish Hall - 209 S. County Rd, Holyrood (Holyrood City, Palacky, Valley)

Lorraine City Office - 238 S. Main St, Lorraine (Green Garden, Lincoln, Lorraine City, Thomas)

Wilson Senior Center - 511 25th St, Wilson (Columbia, Noble, Wilson City, Wilson Township, all of Russell County and Lincoln County in USD 112)

Immaculate Conception Parish Center - 110 E. Williamson, Claflin (All of Barton Co. in USD 112)

Bushton Community Building - 301 N Main St, Bushton (All of Rice County in USD 112)

**DISORGANIZATION
OF USD 112
BALLOT VOTE**



**VOTE NO ON
AUGUST 1, 2023**

UNITEDUSD112.COM