

Deeper review of KS school funding likely after audit

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas' attorney general and conservative lawmakers worry that the State Department of Education has informally tweaked policies determining how school funding is distributed.**

**Their concerns are likely to prompt a broad, independent audit of how the department distributes more than \$4 billion in aid each year to the state's 286 school districts.**

**Education Commissioner Randy Watson said Tuesday that he's working a plan for such a review.**

**A state audit last month said a calculation used by the department for decades in distributing transportation funds was "not authorized" by law and cost the state an extra \$45 million over the past five years.**

**Top Republican legislators failed to get the department's deputy commissioner suspended but continue to ask whether similar issues exist elsewhere in the funding formula.**

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