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Jackson Heights to leave KASB

(KNZA)--Jackson Heights USD 335 is withdrawing its membership from the Kansas Association of School Boards, claiming the nonprofit organization's priorities no longer match that of the district's conservative community.

If Jackson Heights follows through, *The Topeka Capital Journal* reports it would be the only one of Kansas' 286 public school districts in the state without a membership.

KASB offers legal advice, research, training, executive staffing and legislative advocacy for school districts around the state.

Howard told *The Capital-Journal* that he views KASB as being increasingly liberal in its lobbying efforts to legislators and advocating for items he said hurt his district.

He said he thinks Jackson Heights' decision to leave KASB could lead other districts to consider a similar course.

If Jackson Heights does end up leaving the organization, it will have to take on some responsibilities the KASB previously handled.

Jackson Heights currently pays about \$10,000 per year for KASB's services.

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