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#### **Wildcats for Higher Education - May 19, 2017**

##### **2017 Kansas Legislative Session Reaching Milestone Date**

On Wednesday, May 24, the 2017 Kansas Legislature will reach its 100th day in session, and the three significant challenges we addressed in our last Wildcats for Higher Education newsletter....state budget, tax policy and the school finance formula....have not been resolved as of today.

You may read that letter [here](#).

How the legislators handle these three issues in the critical days ahead will have a significant impact on higher education.

Unfortunately, these issues have never been fully addressed by the legislators over the past several years, and as a result, the reduced and erratic funding for higher education has had a negative impact at all Kansas Board of Regents universities, including Kansas State University. We can't allow the neglect for education to continue. What's needed is fair, stable, and consistent funding for education.

We recognize the many challenges the legislators have before them but education has got to be a priority. It's important for the future of Kansas as an educated population is critical for both economic growth and quality of life.

We need our elected officials and the administration in Topeka to put aside political differences and do what's best for the citizens of Kansas.

Now is the time to act, as the legislators work to conclude the 2017 legislative session.

Please contact our leaders in Topeka, let them know it's time to develop a comprehensive plan that prioritizes and supports education for the long term and puts the state of Kansas on more solid financial footing. Thanks for your support.

Go 'Cats!

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