



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Dear Colleagues:

In light of the well-documented shortages of teachers in certain disciplines and geographic areas, the 2007 Kansas Legislature enacted H.B. 2185, which established the Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program. The grant program aims to increase the number of teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines and underserved geographic areas. I am pleased to announce that \$550,000 has been allocated to continue this initiative.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been developed to help the Board select the state higher education institution(s) that will receive grant funds. I encourage you to seriously consider responding to this RFP. This is an exciting initiative for Kansas, designed to address a critical need, and the Board is eager to receive your proposed response to this RFP.

While the initiative will provide resources to institutions for expanding current programs or creating new ones, a complementary initiative – the Teacher Service Scholarship Program – will provide support for students interested in pursuing teaching careers in Kansas. Please contact Diane Lindeman at KBOR if you would like more information about the scholarship program.

Finally, although support for these initiatives is subject to future appropriations, the Board expects the program to receive funding over the long-term. Should you have any questions about the Teacher Education Competitive Grant program feel free to contact Jean Redeker, Director of Academic Affairs (jredeker@ksbor.org; 785-296-4936).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Tompkins".

Andy Tompkins
President and CEO

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