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**NOTICE OF HEARING 2025-2026 BUDGET**

The governing body of  
**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 495**  
will meet on the 8th day of September, 2025 at 5:50 p.m., at  
**120 E. 6TH STREET, LARNED, KS 67550**

for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the  
**DISTRICT OFFICE, ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE**  
and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits the 2025-2026 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET		
		Actual Expend. (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expend. (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	8,166,568	20.000	8,456,756	20.000	9,090,535	974,419	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	2,695,961	19.077	2,773,320	19.464	3,013,303	1,265,783	19.234
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	943,248		453,487		405,561		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	159,675		122,888		208,601		
Adult Supp. Education	12	0		0		0		
At Risk Education Fund	13	1,732,366		1,832,866		1,906,705		
Bilingual Education	14	18,826		17,362		38,863		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		56,000		
Capital Outlay	16	1,779,539	6.996	1,623,924	7.501	3,351,908	526,477	8.000
Driver Training	18	13,228		8,782		67,892		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	555,874		511,612		761,957		
Professional Development	26	25,433		66,170		201,176		
Parent Education Program	28	55,785		58,640		64,802		
Summer School	29	0		23,725		0		
Special Education	30	1,783,422		1,747,183		2,964,978		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career & Postsecondary Education	34	380,142		242,988		600,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	133,091		97,029		782,878		
Spec. Liab. Exp. Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Fac.	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Spec. Retire. Cont.	51	1,115,414		1,035,426		1,220,509		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	71,363		238,876		0		
Activity Fund	56	97,396		100,320		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	1,529,150	10.994	1,534,005	10.994	1,535,480	723,512	10.994
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Non-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES <sup>1</sup>								
Special Education	78	3,082,942		3,194,190		3,678,503		
TOTAL USD EXPEND	100	24,339,423	57.067	24,115,824	57.959	29,949,651	3,490,191	58.228
Less: Transfers	105	4,232,060		4,178,178		4,794,965		
NET USD EXPEND	110	20,107,363		19,937,646		25,154,686		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEV.	115	3,486,371		3,470,168		3,490,191		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Pub. Lib. Board Emp. Ben.	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	340,000	4.720	320,000	4.652	360,000	329,048	5.000
Rec. Comm. Emp. Benf								
& Spec. Liab.	86	68,000	0.999	69,000	1.000	72,000	65,810	1.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	408,000	5.719	389,000	5.652	432,000	394,858	6.000
TOTAL TAX LEVIED	125	\$3,857,322		\$3,841,217		\$3,885,049		
Ass. Val. - Gen. Fund	128	\$54,104,949		\$48,909,540		\$48,720,963		
Ass. Val. - All Other Funds	130	\$64,862,864		\$65,649,175		\$65,809,578		
Ass. Val. - Capital Outlay	129	\$64,862,864		\$65,116,200		\$65,809,578		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1	2023			2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	17,740,000		16,505,000		15,235,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	1,800,000		1,655,889		1,505,003		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	19,540,000		18,160,889		16,740,003		

  
Board President  
Jessie Pleasant, Board President

  
Clerk of the Board  
Tiffany Burris, Clerk of the Board

**EXCEEDING REVENUE NEUTRAL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

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**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 495**  
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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		2025-2026			
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	Proposed Taxes To Be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$978,191	20.000	\$978,191	20.077	\$974,419	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supp. General (LOB)	\$1,277,795	19.464	\$1,277,795	19.417	\$1,265,783	19.234
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$492,435	7.501	\$492,435	7.483	\$526,477	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Spec. Liability Exp. Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extra. Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$721,747	10.994	\$721,747	10.967	\$723,512	10.994
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Lib. Board Emp. Ben.	\$0	0.00			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$3,470,168	57.959	\$3,470,168	57.944	\$3,490,191	58.228
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$2,491,977	37.959	\$2,491,977	37.867	\$2,515,772	38.228

  
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**Deadline for Ads, Legals & Articles is 1:00 PM on Mondays (for office drop-off) OR 2:00 PM Tuesdays, (via emails) for Thursday's Tiller & Toiler.**

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**Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget**

The governing body of Unified School District 496 will meet on the 10th day of September 2025 at 6:45 PM at 201 N Lowery Street, Rozel, KS 67574 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the district office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

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OPERATING								
General	06	1,764,063	20.000	1,761,782	20.000	2,029,343	354,023	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	577,458	25.438	565,543	26.006	641,845	517,650	26.288
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	94,237		84,071		80,173		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	14,639		23,238		49,993		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	290,612		325,062		454,341		
Bilingual Education	14	0		3,553		20,000		
Virtual Education	15	20,355		56,800		132,000		
Capital Outlay	16	363,974	6.650	147,551	8.000	641,416	157,635	8.000
Driver Training	18	7,218		1,709		16,091		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	140,384		119,952		195,579		
Professional Development	26	2,363		2,621		22,004		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	273,381		255,536		616,584		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	0		0		0		
Gifts and Grants	35	33,563		33,375		60,691		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	165,244		136,513		160,915		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	3,799		2,463		0		
Activity Fund	56	53,265		54,860		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
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Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES <sup>1</sup>								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	3,804,555	52.088	3,574,609	54.006	5,121,975	1,029,208	54.288
Less: Transfers	105	709,074		973,122		1,040,200		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,095,481		2,601,487		4,081,775		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,053,405		1,023,012		1,029,208		

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Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	85	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,053,409		\$1,023,012		\$1,025,208		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$19,424,585		\$17,732,684		\$17,701,163		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$20,721,719		\$19,655,861		\$19,691,840		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$20,721,719		\$19,485,959		\$19,691,840		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lease Purchase Principal	153	763,168		678,123		605,569		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	763,168		678,123		605,569		
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Board President				Clark of the Board				