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To the Patrons of Spring Hill School District:

This booklet is available to you, our district patron, as an aid in becoming more knowledgeable about the fiscal management of your school district. The booklet contains a plan for the expenditure of tax dollars for the 2012-2013 school year and also a guide to assist you with understanding all sources of income to meet the proposed expenditures.

All district patrons are invited to participate in a public hearing on Monday, August 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Education Center at 16740 W 175th Street, Olathe, Kansas. The public hearing, as required by state statute, is designed to provide a forum for answering questions about proposed expenditures and sources of income, including the establishment of ad valorem taxes for 2012-2013. The various budget components will be explained during the hearing. The budget determines local tax levies and provides financial information to the public. It also is used extensively by the Kansas legislature, and state and federal agencies to determine local tax effort and expenditure categories.

The nation's economic downturn has led legislators and the governor to make unprecedented reductions in the state funding of school districts. The 2008-2009 budget was based on the promise of the school district receiving \$4,433 per student. Just four years later, the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) now stands at \$3,838 per student. This puts all school districts at 2000-2001 funding levels. Districts across the state now face a tremendous financial need as we work to ensure that all students in the State of Kansas perform at a high level of academic achievement. Please continue to contact your legislators regarding the importance of funding public education.

Our district aggressively seeks grants and other revenue sources for additional funding to help enhance the education of our youth, while helping to reduce the burden on local taxpayers. We are excited to report that the overall mill levy is projected to drop a fifth consecutive year. The projected 0.1 mill decrease for 2012-2013 will make the overall mill levy the lowest it has been since 2003-2004. The county will set the final mill levies in October of 2012.

The Board of Education and district staff work continually to develop and provide a rigorous curriculum for our students to enable them to be successful in their education experience and in achieving their future goals. We encourage you to visit our schools, school board meetings, and our website at www.usd230.org.

On behalf of the Spring Hill Board of Education, we would invite you, the district patrons, to let us help you in the understanding of school finance.

Respectfully submitted,

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