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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 75- 328

Mr. Merle R. Bolton
Commissioner of Education
State Department of Education
120 East 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Schools--Transportation

Synopsis: The board of a unified school district may calculate for purposes of reimbursement expenditures for gasoline to operate a school bus owned and operated by parents of students used to transport nonresident pupils of the district to school.

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Dear Commissioner Bolton:

You inquire whether a unified school district may include in their transportation costs for state aid reimbursement the expenditure for gasoline which is used in a school bus to transport pupils who attend the school. The school bus is not owned by the district, but is owned by the parents of approximately 25 to 30 students who do not reside in the district, and which is used to provide transportation for these students. In my judgment, the expenditure of funds for the transportation of these pupils, although not in a bus owned by the district but owned cooperatively by a group of parents, is a permissible expense of transportation, which may be considered and computed under K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 72-7039a and -7047 (f), in determining state aid reimbursement.

Yours very truly

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