

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2645**  
**from**  
**NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL**

I am writing in response to HB2645 which will make sure that each Kansas student graduates with the personal financial knowledge and skills necessary to manage their own income and debts as adults.

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Our LifeSmarts team has won state several years, placed in nationals and even won nationals one year. Our school teaches personal financial skills in several areas, but puts specific focus on it in the gifted programs and in the business department.

We feel it would be beneficial for all high school students in the state of Kansas to have a formal class in personal finance as a graduation requirement.

Sincerely,

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