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Kansas Student Body Presidents File Amicus Curiae Brief Application on K-12 Funding Case

TOPEKA, Kan.--

application to submit an *amicus curiae* brief to the Kansas Supreme Court on the *Gannon v. Kansas* case surrounding constitutional obligations for K-12 funding. This happens in the context of discussion in the 2017-2018 legislative session addressing the additional \$600 million requested by K-12 schools. of the numerous references to the Kansas

mandates that higher education be considered when evaluating the provision of financial support to p application reads.

Jack Ayres, chair of the SAC, said if the application is accepted by the Kansas Supreme Court, it will allow the SAC to submit a brief. The brief will argue that the Kansas Constitution includes all levels of public education, not just K-12.

increase, increasing the economic burden on students. We ask the state Supreme Court to not forget about higher education when deli funding for K-

Mark P. Johnson, a partner at Dentons law firm in Kansas City, Missouri, submitted the application on behalf of the committee. All briefs are due to the court by April 30th, in order to allow the court to make a decision by June 30th. In the meantime, the SAC will work with the legislature to continue our advocacy for the restoration of FY16 funding.

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