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# Federal education funding freeze impacts USD 457

**BY MEGHAN FLYNN** Garden City Telegram

USD 457 will be impacted by changes in the freeze of federal education funding.

The district released a statement on how the funding freeze will impact the district on Monday.

It stated that the state of Kansas is projected to lose \$49.9 million in education support due to the freeze, and for Garden City Public Schools USD 457, there will be a loss of more than \$1.3 million across five federally funded programs.

These programs support services such as after-school programming, support for English learners, migrant students and resources for teacher training and student well-being.

They are:



Century Title IVB): \$250,000

Levi Burnfin, President of the Garden City Educator's Association said each of the programs comes with the ability to provide professional development to teachers so they can grow, adapt and meet the needs of their students.

"When you cut funding for Migrant Education (Title IC): that, you're cutting into the

After-School Programs (21st enrichment, and we're the are not only or necessarily only program in the state with that grant that focuses on academics in these after-school programs," he said.

Students genuinely enjoy the programs and even if they recognize that they did learn a lot of those skills during the school year, for whatever reason one or more did not stick, so, the programs help the students master those skills for the future, These programs, especially Burnfin said. They help struggling readers catch up. They also help support migrant students, who are students who moving according to the agricultural season to find work, Burnfin said. They

undocumented immigrants or immigrants in general but are often citizens of the United States.

"These migrant students come into the area for a short period of time, and these are the programs that help migrant students, struggling readers with the support they need and that



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**Monica Diaz sorts** through donated items to be placed in boxes inside a school bus located outside of Dillons East, 1305 E. Kansas Ave., during last year's Stuff the Bus event. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY **TELEGRAM** 

## **'Stuff** The Bus' planned for this weekend

Several community agencies in Garden City and Holcomb collaborating are for an event called "Stuff the Bus." The agencies are working together to collect backpacks and school supplies from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13. The groups will be collecting donations in school buses that will be stationed in the parking lots of Dillon's East, 1305 E. Kansas Ave., Dillon's West, 1211 Buffalo Jones Ave., Target, 2401 E Kansas Ave., Walmart, 3101 E. Kansas Ave., Walmart Neighborhood Market, 2424 N. Taylor Ave., Staples, 2508 E Kansas and Dollar Ave., General, 1505 N. Jones Ave. in Holcomb. Donations will also be accepted any time at the Finney County United Way office, 1509 E. Fulton Terr. The agencies are working to "stuff" the school buses full of school supplies so that every child in need will start the school year off with everything needed to have a successful school year. The goal is to get enough donations to fill 2,000 backpacks. The distribution of the filled backpacks will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, at Garfield Early Childhood Center, 121

#### \$497,000

Teacher Quality & Professional Development (Title IIA): \$251,319 English Language Acquisition (Title III): \$223,004

Student Support & Academic Enrichment (Title IVA): \$95,202

quality of education," he said. the 21st Century Grant, which uses reading and math screeners, identify students who are at risk in literacy skills.

"They target fluency, phonics, comprehension, STEM provides safe, structured learning environments outside of the regular school day and inside of the regular school day," he said. The cuts disproportionately

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## Finney County Fair to run July 19-26

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The Finney County Fair returns on July 19.

The Fair will run from July 19-26 at the Finney County Fairgrounds at 209 Lake Ave. in Garden City.

This year's fair theme is "Deep Roots and Dusty Boots". Janet Harkness, West Plains Extension District 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, said the theme is always developed by the Finney County 4-H members and voted on by the Finney County 4-H Council.

Hudson Fryman, of the Wide Awake 4-H Club, drew the official artwork that is on the 2025 Fair book cover.

Tiffany Harmon, Finney County Fair Board President, said they've tried to pack the fair full of stuff, to make it reminiscent of fairs past.

"We're really just trying to re-brand the fair, to just make it consistent," she said. "Hopefully what we're doing is we're just making it to where it's a staple."

They want it to get to the point where everybody knows that the Saturday before the fair they will have



Emily Dryden, left, and Kennan Murrell keep an eye on the judge as they show their animals during last year's Finney County Fair swine show's senior showmanship division in the Finney County Fairgrounds show arena. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

a kickoff concert with a big, national act coming in, followed by a rodeo on Wednesday night and then a jam-packed Thursday, Friday and Saturday that will bring

fun for the whole family and "just kind of bring back what the fair used to be."

They've been working hard to make Finney County the place to be the third week of

July, Harmon said.

"We really want it to be this is when family comes back to visit - you know

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