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Thursday, speculation ended about the fate of SB 113 (K-12 budget and education policy bill) when Gov. Laura Kelly signed it into law. There were several line-item vetoes, including one that prevented loss of base state aid to some rural school districts. There will be ongoing debate regarding whether the governor can line-item veto policy matters in an appropriations bill. SB 113 was the final item of business concluding the 2023 Legislature. The House and Senate adjourned *sine die* on April 28. The Kansas Legislature will reconvene on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

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