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Dear Dickinson County 4-H Members, Families, and Volunteers;

As some of you may have heard, Kansas 4-H has been exploring ways of securing strong and stable sources of funding in order to continue to provide positive educational experiences to young people across Kansas. Kansas 4-H is committed to teaching life skills so all youth can reach their full potential. While Dickinson County 4-H has been well supported at the county level, declining state funding for K-State Research and Extension and 4-H has made it difficult to create and sustain high quality and relevant 4-H youth development programs.

Beginning October 2, 2017, an annual K-State Research and Extension 4-H program fee of \$15.00 per member will be collected. Funds generated will strengthen program priorities of volunteer development, project support, and program enhancement. **The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation believes 4-H should be accessible to all Dickinson County youth and has committed to covering this member fee for all Dickinson County 4-Hers for the 2017-2018 program year.** In turn, the foundation asks that each of our clubs contribute \$5.00 per family to the foundation. Clubs may determine whether this fee is covered by the club treasury or paid by individual families. More details on this process will be available to clubs after enrollment for the new 4-H year is underway. Families and clubs are also welcome to make individual contributions to the foundation to further support this benefit.

More information about the program fee and the use of generated funds may be found in a publication called, "Investing in the Future of Kansas 4-H: A Guide to the 4-H Program Fee", available in hard copy at our office or found online at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/docs/Investing%20in%204-H-Program%20Fee%20Guide_FINAL_small.pdf.

Our shared goal is for Kansas 4-H to continue to enrich the lives of youth members, families, and adult volunteers. Please contact me with questions.

As always, thank you for your commitment to Dickinson County 4-H!

Sincerely,



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Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating.

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