



2023 Legislative Session Day of Learning Toolkit

Contacting your Legislator:

Legislative Message Line	1-800-372-7181
Bill Status Line	1-866-840-2835
Calendar (Meetings) Line	1-800-633-9650
TTY Message Line	1-800-896-0305
En Español	1-866-840-6574

HOUSE LEADERSHIP



David Osborne
Speaker



David Meade
Speaker Pro Tempore



Steven Rudy
Majority Floor Leader



Suzanne Miles
Majority Caucus Chair



Jason Nemes
Majority Whip



Derrick Graham
Minority Floor Leader



Cherlynn Stevenson
Minority Caucus Chair



Rachel Roberts
Minority Whip



James Tipton
Education Chair



Jason Petrie
A&R Chair

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

SENATE LEADERSHIP



Robert Stivers
President



David Givens
President Pro Tempore



Damon Thayer
Majority Floor Leader



Julie Raque Adams
Majority Caucus Chair



Mike Wilson
Majority Whip



Gerald Neal
Minority Floor Leader



Reggie Thomas
Minority Caucus Chair



David Yates
Minority Whip



Stephen West
Education Chair



Chris McDaniel
A&R Chair

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Scan the QR Code shown here to be taken to a form where you can tell us about your meeting(s) with the Legislators.

If you'd prefer, please answer the questions in the included Day of Learning Report, and send it to **mwilson@kea.org**



If you have any questions, please contact
KEA President **Eddie Campbell** - 606-454-4583
or KEA Vice President **Joel Wolford** - 502-229-2508

Don't forget to tag us in any photos of your meetings on Social Media! Use the hashtags **#ILOVEMYKYPUBLICSCHOOL**, **#EMPOWEREDEDUCATOR**, and **#KEAProud**

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

GENERAL TIPS

- Free guided tours of the Kentucky State Capitol are available Monday through Friday, beginning at the tour guide desk in the Rotunda. Call 502-564-3449 if you would like to schedule a tour.
- Legislative committee meetings year-round are open to the public, and no special passes are needed.
- If you're visiting during a legislative session (roughly January through April 15th, depending on the year,) you may also want to contact your legislators to see if they can arrange for gallery passes that allow you to watch the House or Senate proceedings.
- Always check the Legislative Calendar at legislature.ky.gov before making a trip to Frankfort to see if there has been any last-minute changes.

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

- All visitors may continue to attend legislative committee meetings in person. For more information, visit legislature.ky.gov.
- All committee meetings are livestreamed so that people who cannot attend meetings may view them online at www.ket.org/legislature or on the LRC YouTube channel.
- The first floor and the basement of the Capitol Annex are open to visitors, but citizens must have a scheduled appointment to access the second, third and, fourth floors of the Annex where lawmakers' offices are located.
- Access to the tunnel from the parking structure to the Annex and from the Annex to the Capitol now require an active security badge.
- Visitors attending legislative committee meetings should enter the Capitol Annex through the visitor's entrance, located at the central doors on the front of the building.

VISITOR PARKING & INFO

- During legislative sessions of the General Assembly and on other committee meeting days, often there are large crowds arriving at the Capitol and Capitol Annex to watch proceedings.
- The Capitol Parking Garage can be accessed via Old Lawrenceburg Rd., or from Capitol Ave. There are some public parking and handicap accessible parking on the surface lot on the east side of the Annex. There is also a ramp leading to floors 4-6 of the garage for additional public parking. Floor 2 and half of Floor 3 are reserved for parking by permit only.
- Planning ahead and knowing where to park and the location of public entrances will help make your visit more successful.
- There is a handicap accessible entrance in both the Capitol and the Capitol Annex

KEA'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



The Kentucky Education Association is the
Preeminent Voice for Quality Public Education.

Our Mission is to **Unite, Organize, and Empower**
members to Advocate for Themselves, and to
Ensure A **Quality Public Education** for
Every Kentucky Student.

KEA'S HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Ensure a free & appropriate Public Education for ALL of Kentucky's students.
- Increase state revenue through non-regressive tax reform and other appropriate means.
- Fully fund public pension plans.
- Maintain a defined benefit in all public pension plans.

KEA'S LEGISLATIVE GOALS

- Advocate for equitable & adequate funding for P-12 education.
- Advocate for a high-quality education for every public school student in the Commonwealth.
- Advocate for strong professions.
- Advocate for adequate school employee compensation, sufficient retirement benefits, and affordable health insurance for public school employees, and their dependants.

MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

REASONS TO MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

- Legislators are sincerely interested in getting their constituents' views on legislation. They want to hear from you!
- The legislator may have a number of ideas and suggestions to help you focus your efforts.
- Meeting with your legislators can help you gauge their support or opposition to the issues that matter most to you about education.
- Meeting with a legislator and providing information allows you to become a resource to him or her. As a result, the legislator's staff may call on you for input in the crafting of legislation or for input on helping to shape their positions on legislation in the future.

SCHEDULING THE MEETING

- It is always better to call and schedule a virtual or in person meeting with you and your group. Keep in mind that legislators are busy so you may need to be flexible.
- If the meeting is virtual, choose a platform that you and other participants are comfortable with. There are several great options available like Zoom, Google Meets, Skype and others. If you need help setting up your meeting please reach out to your local KEA Office.
- It is better to call than to write asking for an appointment, since calling makes it easier to find an acceptable date, keep in mind the legislative calendar can be adjusted with short notice.
- It is always more effective if you, as a constituent, ask for an appointment, rather than having your organization's staff make the request.

DURING THE MEETING

- Be prepared. Bring any simple and easy to understand materials with you. Prepare your remarks ahead of time, and start the conversation off with a couple minutes of small talk to build some rapport, but make sure you get to the point rather quickly. Most visits last twenty minutes or less.
- If you visit in a group, have one person take the lead. She/he can introduce the group, make a brief statement about why you're there, and then call on various people in the group to talk about their particular concerns.
- Be certain that members of your group agree on the objectives for the meeting and on the points to be addressed. Plan to meet ahead of time.

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PRESENTING YOUR POSITION

- Present your view with conviction, but don't put the legislator on the defensive.
- It helps to cover your issue from the legislator's perspective, tying it in with his or her past votes or interests.
- Listen attentively.
- The legislator's opening discussion with you will often give you clues about how to connect your issue with his/her concerns.
- If you don't have the answer to a legislator's question, say so. Tell the legislator you will provide the information, and then be certain that you do.
- Be prepared to address concerns raised by legislators about your issue, but make sure you do not become defensive if you disagree with them. Respond to their concerns with facts in a calm manner and ask them to consider the points you've raised.
- Follow up with information, both when speaking and in a fact sheet that you can leave or send to the legislator.
- Include a brief description of your issue in the fact sheet, why it is important to your organization, and the action that you want the legislator to take.

AFTER THE VISIT

- After the visit, write a letter of thanks to the legislator. Be sure to remind him/her of any agreements reached, and provide any information that you promised. Be sure to fill out the KEA Day of Learning Reporting Form. Online version or scan printed version and send to mwilson@kea.org



2023 DAY OF LEARNING REPORT

GENERAL INFO

Please complete all pages and send to mwilson@kea.org

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

KEA Member(s) Present

(First & last names, and non-school Email addresses)

KEA Local(s) Represented

Legislators Present or Legislative Representative (House and/or Senate)

Please include name(s) of Legislators, even if you did not meet with them.

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LEGISLATOR INFO

Please complete all pages and send to mwilson@kea.org

Legislator Name / Representative

Please indicate if they are from the House or Senate.

Where does the legislator see an opportunity that you and they could work together to improve public education?

Does the legislator support legislation to add fully funding of all-day Kindergarten to statute?

Will the legislator work to implement a state mandated pay raise for all teachers and education support professionals in this legislative session?

Does the legislator oppose the funding of Voucher Programs for private schools?

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Does the legislator support all educators receiving a 30-minute duty free lunch and protecting duty free planning time?

Does the legislator have other ideas to reduce teacher workload to address the recruitment and retention crisis in Kentucky?

Other issues discussed / Legislator Views

Follow Up Needed (If Any?)
