

We Must Defeat Voucher Amendment 2

Striking down this amendment at the ballot box will keep taxpayer dollars in our public schools, where 90 percent of Kentucky students attend

On Election Day, Kentucky voters will be asked to consider proposed Kentucky Constitutional Amendment 2, which states:

Kentucky Constitutional Amendment 2

To give parents choices in educational opportunities for their children, are you in favor of enabling the General Assembly to provide financial support for the education costs of students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are outside the system of common (public) schools by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution **notwithstanding**.

programs “in spite of” the fact that seven sections of the Kentucky Constitution currently prohibit that very thing. Not only is giving the legislature that power clearly dangerous for Kentucky’s public schools, unchecked legislative power on this issue or any other is also dangerous for our democracy.

If Amendment 2 passes, it will allow the legislature to fund public schools – or not. It will allow them to fund voucher programs— or not. In fact, when they discussed this amendment language during the 2024 legislative session, they refused to say what policies they will implement if the amendment passes. One thing is certain, though: **if Amendment 2 passes, the legislature will be able to set education funding policy for Kentucky without having to answer to the people or to the courts.**

90% of Kentucky’s Students Will Pay the Price if Amendment 2 Passes

Ninety percent of Kentucky’s school age students—more than 653,000 of them—

attend Kentucky’s public schools. If Amendment 2 passes, they will all suffer significant declines in school funding, further limiting resources and worsening the already critical teacher shortage.

According to a recent study by the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, Kentucky public schools stand to lose \$1.9 billion annually from the state budget if Amendment 2 is passed and the legislature implements a school voucher program similar to Florida’s. In fact, if Amendment 2 passes, every public school district in Kentucky will see its budget shrink. Not only will that mean cuts to necessary instructional and after-school programs, it will also result in nearly ten thousand public teaching and education support jobs being slashed statewide.

Kentucky’s rural communities will suffer most if Amendment 2 passes. As school districts statewide lose funding to voucher programs, the local economy in rural areas will be doubly affected since the school district itself is often the largest employer in

the community. Some districts could be forced to close local schools or even merge with neighboring school districts. In Carlisle County in western Kentucky, for example, the school district budget would drop by \$1.8 million (17%) and will cost the district 19 education jobs in their three schools. In Martin County in the east, the school district budget would drop by \$4.4 million (17%) and cost 40 educators their jobs across five schools.

Larger counties like Fayette stand to lose \$50-plus million in funding and nearly 300 educator jobs. Suburban counties like Kenton and Boone in northern Kentucky stand to lose \$20.5 million and 152 jobs, and \$25.2 million and 206 jobs, respectively. The KY Policy report breaks the statistics down by school district.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2 will be on the Kentucky ballot in November. It is up to Kentucky educators across the commonwealth to stand united and defeat this amendment that is designed to take taxpayer dollars meant for our public schools and hand it over to unaccountable private schools. The amendment language (see box) is meant to confuse the issue as “choice” without outlining any specific legislation or policy explaining how or how much of our public dollars will go to private schools.

The ballot language itself is deceptive. “Notwithstanding” is the last word in the text and is also the most dangerous because it means “in spite of.” If Amendment 2 is approved by the voters, the General Assembly will have unfettered power to funnel public money to voucher

Make Your Plan to
VOTE
on or Before November 5!

Public Education is on the Ballot

Your Vote is Vital to the Future of Public Schools. This year, the future of our public schools—where 90 percent of kids attend—is on the ballot. Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2, if passed, will allow unlimited taxpayer dollars to go to private schools and take away critical funding for Kentucky’s public schools. **That’s why it is so important that you and your family members VOTE NO on proposed Constitutional Amendment 2.**

There are nearly 99,000 public school teachers and certified and classified public school employees working in Kentucky’s 1,484 schools and 171 school districts across the Commonwealth, and together, you are a powerful voting bloc. **Voter turnout among educators and our families could make the difference in defeating Amendment 2.**

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Have You Made Your Plan to Vote on or before Tuesday, November 5? *(continued from page 1)*

With Election Day only days away, it is vital that every KEA member votes to support public education by opposing Amendment 2. Don't miss the opportunity to let your voice be heard to promote, protect, and strengthen our public schools with your VOTE!

Important actions to take leading up to Election Day:

Be an informed voter – Ensure you are an informed voter by dedicating time to research Constitutional Amendment 2 as well as the candidates for office that will appear on your ballot. You can find important Amendment 2 resources at www.protectourschoolsky.com and can discover the financial impact it could have on your school district at www.kypolicy.org.

Who you elect to federal, state, and local office matters! It is important to know all the candidates running for office in your area before you go to the polls. You're an education voter, so know each candidate's position on public education issues before you vote. Read your local paper, check individual candidate websites, watch debates, read interviews, and scrutinize their responses to written questions that may be published in your local media. Avoid relying solely on political ads, social media, or political mailers for information. Be a well-informed voter.

Review your voter registration – Be sure to review your voter registration at the Kentucky Secretary of State's website vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky. This website will give you important information, including precinct information and access to polling locations.

Preview your ballot – You can also preview your ballot at web.sos.ky.gov/electionballots. Checking out your choices before the election gives you time to do your research on the issues and the candidates.

Know your voting options – Going to the polls on Election Day, November 5, is an option, but not the only one:

- **Absentee Ballot by Mail.** If you qualify, you can vote early by mail but must request your absentee ballot by the October 22 deadline, complete it properly, and return it on time.
- **Excused In-Person Absentee Voting.** Voters otherwise eligible to vote on Election Day are eligible to cast an in-person absentee ballot during the six business days of October 23, 24, 25, and 28, 29, 30, if they meet one specific requirement (find requirements here: www.elect.ky.gov).
- **In-Person Early Voting.** You can also take advantage of No Excuse Absentee Voting before Election Day on October 31 – November 2. (Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday before Election Day). **State law allows all registered Kentucky voters who have not requested a mail-in absentee ballot to vote early without an excuse.** Polling locations and hours will vary by county.

- **Vote In-person on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time.**

Confirm your polling location – No matter which method you choose to cast your vote – be sure to check your polling location. Polling locations may have changed from previous years; in some counties, there may be fewer polling locations than there have been previously. Be sure to know before you go.



KEA has a webpage with the voter information you need to make a plan to vote. Scan the QR code to access all the information and links to each of these voting options.

Sign-up for reminders – Don't let election day pass you by. Sign up for voting reminders to help you keep to your plan to let your voice be heard.

Share your plan – Let others know the importance of voting by sharing your plan to vote. Better yet, make a plan with colleagues in your worksite to vote together.

NEA Representative Assembly Nominations for Statewide KEA Delegates Due January 15, 2025

The NEA Representative Assembly is the gathering of the largest decision-making body of the NEA. The 2025 NEA RA will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 2 to 6, 2025 and is expected to draw more than 8,000 members from across the nation. KEA will be allocated a specific number of statewide delegates based on association membership on January 15, 2025.

Active KEA members interested in attending the 2025 NEA RA may nominate themselves to be elected as statewide delegates. Members who are elected as statewide delegates will receive a stipend from KEA to offset the cost of traveling to the RA. Delegates to the RA elect the leaders of the national association, approve the budget, and make essential decisions about the work of the NEA for the coming year.



Scan this QR code or visit bit.ly/3Ma3Bt8 to access nomination form.

Members who wish to be on the ballot for a statewide delegate position should complete the official online nomination form, which can be found at KEA.org on the "Members" tab. Nominations will open on November 1, 2024 and must be submitted through the online form no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Forms received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Only the first 25 words of biographical


information will be included on the ballot, and KEA reserves the right to edit your submission for length. You may submit a photo with your nomination form, but it is not required.

Active members will elect statewide delegates to the NEA RA in an online election scheduled for March 1-31, 2025. The results of the election will be announced during the 2025 KEA Delegate Assembly early in April. Retired and Aspiring Educator members will choose their delegates to the NEA RA in separate elections.

If you aren't planning to attend the 2025 NEA RA, please remember to exercise your right to vote for the state delegates who will represent your interests there. All active members of KEA are eligible to vote online at KEA.org between March 1 and March 31, 2025.

As Kentucky Public School Educators We Must Defeat Voucher Amendment 2

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Use this QR code to find out how much funding your school district stands to lose in funding and school staff.

Kentucky is already facing a serious teacher shortage. That problem will only get worse if the legislature is empowered to ignore the constitution and slash public school budgets to pay for private school vouchers. More than 60 percent of Kentucky public educators polled indicated they are more likely to retire or leave education earlier than they originally planned. Some 38 percent said they were much more likely to do so. Gutting public school budgets will only make that problem worse.


Educators, Use Your Voice!
It is imperative that educators work together

to defeat proposed Amendment 2.
Educators are trusted resources within our communities. Our voices make a difference to parents, neighbors, friends, and family. Using our voices to speak out about the potentially devastating effects Amendment 2 will have on our public schools is absolutely vital. As an educator, when you are talking to someone in the community who cares about their public schools, ask them to VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2!

Get Involved and Tell Others How They Can Help
To get involved and to learn more about protecting our Kentucky schools against this devastating ballot amendment, visit www.protectourschoolsky.com. This site is a one-stop shop to find resources to educate yourself and others on protecting public

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education and access a grassroots toolkit. The smallest action can have significant results. Your voice matters. Your vote matters. **Do whatever you can, whenever you can, to help defeat proposed Amendment 2!**



Use this QR code to access Vote No on Amendment 2 resources. You can sign a pledge to vote NO on 2, donate to the effort to fight Amendment 2, sign up to become a digital organizer, join a phone bank or canvass, or volunteer to put up a yard sign.

Vote NO
ON AMENDMENT 2



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Public Funds for Public Schools

www.protectourschoolsky.com

KEA Members and Family, Tap in to More than \$50,000 in Available Scholarships

KEA invests in members and their families. If you or a member of your family is furthering your post-secondary education, check out the opportunities below!

Do you or a family member need a helping hand with tuition to further your education? Check out KEA’s scholarships below to see if you or a member of your family qualifies. Online applications in every category will open on November 1 and will close at 5:00 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 31, 2025. Go to KEA.org to learn more. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2025 KEA Delegate Assembly in Louisville.

KEA Presidents’ Scholarships – KEA has 12 certified governance districts that span the entire state. Each year, every governance district awards scholarships to current Active certified or ESP members in four different categories: Rank I (hours beyond Master’s); Rank II (Master’s); National Board Certification; or continuing education or advanced certification for ESP members. Up to \$1,000 is available from KEA in each category, which means that there are 48 opportunities and \$48,000 available every year. Committees in each governance district review the applications and determine the winners. The number and amount of scholarships awarded can vary from district to district but will not be less than \$250 per winner.

Representative Paul Mason Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is available to any active or retired KEA ESP member or their children or grandchildren. The scholarship is named after Rep. Mason, who used his service in the Kentucky House to champion the cause of those less fortunate. The scholarship is \$500 and the KESPA Board of Directors reviews applications and determines the winner.

Marvin Dodson-Carl Perkins Scholarships – Dodson-Perkins scholarships are awarded each year to members of KEA Aspiring Educators who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program in Kentucky. The KEA MOVE committee reviews applications and determines the winners. A total of \$6,000 will be distributed, with the minimum award being \$500 and the maximum being \$1,000.

Marnel Moorman Scholarship – Named after the first African American president of KEA, the Marnel Moorman scholarship is available to high school seniors or college students who are seeking a degree in education. Winners are selected by the KEA Executive Committee based on the following criteria: demonstrated financial need; an expressed preference to enter the field of education; ethnic-minority status (although this is not mandatory); is or will be a high school graduate; is seeking their first post-secondary degree; and academic performance. The Moorman scholarship is \$1,000.

KEA-Retired Tom Denton Scholarship – This scholarship is presented yearly to students who will be juniors, seniors, or MAT candidates in a Kentucky college for the following school year. Scholarship recipients will receive \$800-\$1,000 for one year. Preference is given to students who are KEA Aspiring Educator members, plan to teach in Kentucky, have an outstanding academic record, show evidence of financial need, and have family members who are members of KEA or KEA-Retired. Receiving the KEA-Retired Scholarship does not exclude the student from receiving other KEA sponsored scholarships. Recipients will be selected by the KEA-Retired Selection Committee and will be notified of their award by March 1, 2025.

KEA Diversity Lesson Plan Contest

Contests Open Nov. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025

Diversity in every aspect of education is a vital component to reducing the achievement gaps between and among different groups of students in our classrooms. Educators can move students from intolerance, bigotry, and impatience toward acceptance, tolerance, and fairness using lessons focused on diversity.

The KEA Diversity Committee sponsors the Diversity Lesson Plan contest each year. Awards of \$250 will go to two (2) KEA members who submit lesson plans or units that incorporate diversity. Submissions will be judged on multiple

factors, including the impact of the lesson on individual student awareness of diversity and the relevance of the lesson to the school community.

The entry form and the corresponding rubric will be available on KEA’s website, KEA.org, beginning November 1. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. (Eastern), on Friday, January 31, 2025. The Diversity Committee encourages all educators, regardless of race or ethnicity, to submit lesson plans.



ESP Diversity Project Contest

The ESP Diversity Project Contest encourages ESPs to create a bulletin board or other project at their worksite with the theme, “Diversity is ...”

All KEA ESP members, regardless of race or ethnicity, are invited to participate. Submissions may be presented by individuals or by teams. Projects will be judged by the KEA Diversity Committee and two (2) winning entries will receive \$250 each. The entry form will be available at KEA.org on November 1, and the deadline for all submissions is 5 p.m. (Eastern) on January 31, 2025.

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Nominate the Next KEA Teacher of the Year

Nominations for KEA Award for Teaching Excellence Due January 31, 2025

The KEA award for teaching excellence is presented to a KEA educator who exhibits excellence in five critical areas of teaching—professional practice, advocacy for the profession, attention to diversity, community engagement, and leadership in professional development. The Kentucky Teacher of the Year is selected by the KEA Executive Committee and former Kentucky Teachers of the Year.

Each year's winner receives \$1,000, a commemorative award, and is automatically nominated for the Horace Mann-NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence.

All current active, certified members of KEA are eligible. Each KEA local affiliate may submit one nomination per year. Previous winners are not eligible to apply.

Applications open November 1, 2024 and may be submitted through the online portal at **KEA.org**. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern).

Who is Your KEA ESP of the Year?

Nominations are due January 31, 2025

The Educational Support Professional of the Year award is presented to a KEA member each year who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments and reflects the contributions of ESPs to our public education system. The winner receives \$1,000, a commemorative award, and is automatically nominated for the National Education Association's ESP of the Year Award.

To be eligible for ESP of the Year, a nominee must be an education support professional who is a current KEA member and will have been a member for three years as of December 31, 2024.

Applications open November 1, 2024. The deadline to submit nominations is 5:00 PM Eastern on January 31, 2025. More information, including the nomination form and submission instructions, is available on **KEA.org** under "Members>Scholarships, Awards, Contests & Grants."

Difference Makers Student Art Contest Spotlights Inspiring Educators

Contest encourages students to honor the educators who make a difference for them

The KEA Difference Makers art contest gives students the opportunity to highlight a special someone in their school by submitting one artistic entry that illustrates that educator. All students in Kentucky can participate. There are four categories: grades P-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

In 2024, our grade P-2 winner was Reuben Montgomery from Providence Elementary School in Webster County with a portrait entitled "6th Grade Teacher." The grade 3-5 winner was Liliana Gonzalez from Reidland Intermediate School in McCracken County, with a portrait entitled "Ms. Jones gives us Brain Power." The grade 6-8 winner was Lexi Justus from Lexington Traditional Magnet School in Fayette County with a portrait entitled "Mr. Tarawood x 2." The grade 9-12 winner was Avory Haublin from Washington County High School in Washington County with a portrait entitled "Favorite Teacher."

Students and educators interested in participating can go to **KEA.org** and click on Difference Makers Student Art Contest for an entry form and more information. Winners and the educator who inspired them each receive a \$50 prize. Original artwork must be submitted and be no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. Any medium may be used.

All submissions must arrive at KEA Headquarters, 401 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601 before 5:00 p.m. (Eastern), on Friday, January 31, 2025. Each submission must include a completed entry form, which is available on the KEA website. Please write "Difference Makers Entry" on the outside of the envelope.

Not "artsy?" You can also nominate your inspiring educator to be selected as the "KEA Difference Maker of the Month" by completing the nomination form available on the KEA website at **KEA.org/differencemakers**

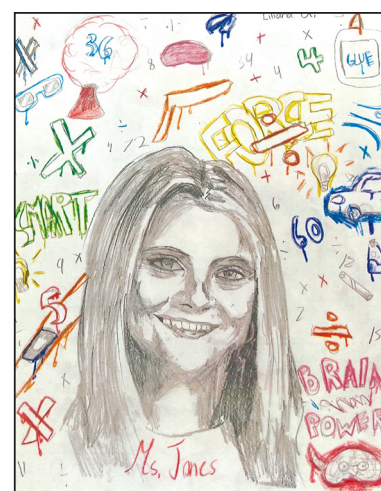
"My teacher is a difference maker because she goes above and beyond for her students every day," wrote a student who nominated her teacher as KEA's Difference Maker of the Month. "She uses her own money to purchase clothes and other items for students to use whenever they need to. She always says 'it's the least she can do.'"



KEA members: tell us about a co-worker who is a real difference maker in the lives of their students or ask your students to nominate an educator who is a difference maker in their lives. Click on the QR code and nominate an educator for KEA's Difference Maker of the Month



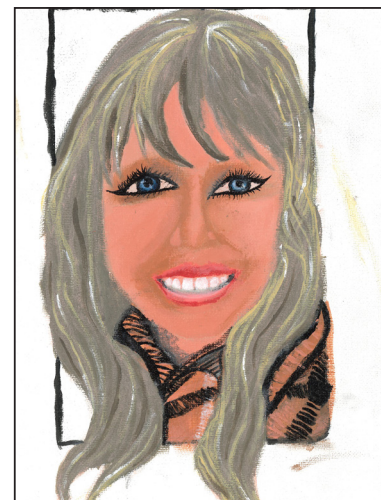
P-2 Winner
Reuben Montgomery



3-5 Winner
Liliana Gonzalez



6-8 Winner
Lexi Justus



9-12 Winner
Avory Haublin

Delegate Assembly Submissions Deadline is November 30, 2024

The 153rd KEA Delegate Assembly will be held in person in at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, April 3-4, 2025. The Delegate Assembly is the highest governing body of the association. Delegates are elected from KEA local associations.

Candidate nominations for elected offices: The delegates to the 2025 DA will vote for the following statewide association offices:

- **KEA President** – for a full three-year term beginning June 15, 2025, and ending June 14, 2028.
- **KEA Vice President** – for a full three-year term beginning June 15, 2025, and ending June 14, 2028.

Active KEA members interested in running for either position must submit the official candidate declaration form in the Member’s section of the

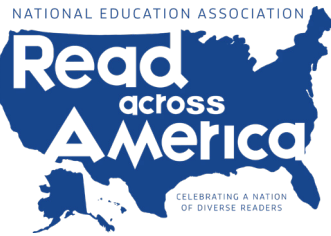
KEA website at KEA.org. Candidates must be Active members of the association and must have been a member for at least two years immediately preceding the election. Nominations will be accepted beginning October 1, 2024. **Nominations will close Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern).**

Constitutional Amendments: Assembly delegates will also vote on proposed amendments to the KEA Constitution, if any are submitted. Members wishing to propose amendments must submit them to the KEA Compliance/Constitution Committee at CCC@KEA.org by the **deadline of Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. (Eastern).** All proposed amendments must include the name(s) of the sponsoring members, the text of the proposed changes, and the rationale for the change.

Legislative Program Amendments: Delegates may submit proposed changes to the current KEA Legislative Program, which can be viewed on the KEA website under the “Advocacy” tab. Amendments for possible inclusion in the 2024-25 KEA Legislative Program must be submitted through the online form by **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern.** You can find the online form in the “Members” section at KEA.org under “2025 KEA Delegate Assembly.”

New Business Items: New Business Items must also be submitted online; that form is also available in the “Members” section of KEA.org under “2025 KEA Delegate Assembly.” Per the KEA Standing Rules, the deadline to submit New Business Items to be considered at the 2025 DA is **12:00 noon eastern time on Thursday, April 3, 2025.**

Read Across America Grant Winners Represent KEA Members from East to West



Each year, through our Read Across America grant program, KEA distributes money to support literacy activities in local communities. The 2024-25 KEA Read Across America (RAA) grants totaling \$5,000 were recently awarded to 11 Active local associations,

Aspiring Educator chapters, and retirees across the Commonwealth. Grantees were selected by KEA’s Membership, Organizing, Visibility & Engagement Committee. The maximum grant amount is \$500.

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association and guided by a committee of educators, Read Across America is the nation’s largest celebration of reading. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read by supporting literacy events that bring entire communities together.

The titles and resources featured by RAA include books that students can see themselves reflected in, as well as books that allow readers to see a world or a character that might be different than themselves.

KEA will begin taking applications for the 2025-26 Read Across America grants on July 1, 2025. Check the KEA website at **KEA.org** to submit your local’s event to support the love of books and lifelong learning for readers of all ages!

2024-25 Read Across America Grant Winners

- Calloway County Education Association (\$500)**
- Campbellsville University – Aspiring Educators (\$245)**
- Casey County Teachers Association (\$494)**
- Covington Education Association (\$500)**
- Eastern Kentucky University – Aspiring Educators (\$435)**
- Hardin County Education Association (\$500)**
- Knox County – Upper Cumberland Education Association (\$435)**
- Mayfield Independent Schools Education Association (\$400)**
- Middle Cumberland Retired Education Association (\$491)**
- Murray State University – Aspiring Educators (\$500)**
- Scott County Education Association (\$500)**



2024 Elections – KEPAC Endorsements

VOTE NO on Ballot Amendment 2!

House of Representatives - 3rd District

Morgan McGarvey (NEA-PAC)

Justice of the Supreme Court

Pamela Goodwine

State Senate Districts

7 Rhonda Davis	21 Brandon Storm	33 Gerald Neal
13 Reggie Thomas	23 Jennifer Sierra	35 Keturah Herron
17 Kiana Fields	27 Molly Crain	37 David Yates
19 Cassie Chambers	31 Phillip Wheeler	

State House of Representatives Districts

5 Lauren Hines	37 John Stovall	67 Matthew Lehman
10 John Whipple	38 Rachel Roarx	68 Mike Clines
13 DJ Johnson	40 Nima Kulkarni	70 William Lawrence
14 Scott Lewis	41 Mary Lou Marzian	75 Lindsey Burke
18 Samara Heavrin	43 Pamela Stevenson	76 Anne Gay
19 Michael Meredith	44 Beverly Chester	Donworth
20 Kevin Jackson	Burton	77 George Brown
23 Steve Riley	45 Adam Moore	79 Chad Aull
25 Cherlyn	46 Al Gentry	84 Zack Hall
Evette Smith	48 Kate Farrow	87 Adam Bowling
28 Almaria Baker	56 Chantel Bingham	89 Timmy Truett
31 Colleen Davis	57 Erika Hancock	90 Derek Lewis
32 Tina Bojanowski	60 Deborah Flowers	92 John Blanton
34 Sarah Stalker	63 Kim Banta	95 Ashley Tackett
35 Lisa Wilner	65 Aaron Currin	Laferty
36 William	66 Peggy Houston	96 Patrick Flannery
“Woody” Zorn	Nienaber	

School Board Endorsements

Fayette County D1	Marilyn Clark
Fayette County D3	Danny Anthony Everett
Fayette County D5	Amy Green

The KEPAC State Committee is an elected committee of KEA members who are also KEPAC contributors. Members of the committee are elected locally by KEA-KEPAC contributors in their area. Candidate recommendations are decided by the locally elected contributors and recommended to the state committee for endorsement.

***This is not a comprehensive list, please visit www.kepac.org throughout the election cycle for additional candidate endorsements.**



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Educators explain why they are Voting NO on Vouchers and why our communities should too

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2, if passed, will give the General Assembly permission to ignore seven sections of the Kentucky Constitution so they can funnel as much public money as they want to unaccountable private schools, undermining funding for the public schools that 90 percent of our students attend. Educators are overwhelmingly against this proposal, and they explain their reasons below.

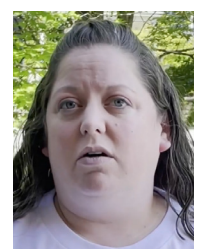
Between now and Election Day on November 5, please talk to your colleagues, friends, family, and community contacts and encourage them to VOTE NO on Amendment 2!

"I think it robs children of their future. And it's going to disproportionately affect black and brown children. It's going to disproportionately affect children who live in poverty. It is going to take money out of their coffers. It's going to take money away from opportunities kids can have because, quite frankly, it's a money grab for private schools."



Kevin Dailey
Boone County Education Association
U.S. History Teacher,
Ballyshannon Middle School
Boone County Schools

Cassie Lyles
Jefferson County Teachers Association
Civics/Government Teacher,
Fairdale High School
Jefferson County Schools



"I'm from far Western Kentucky and I teach in Louisville. Public schools service 90 percent of our students across the whole state. My nieces deserve to have their education fully funded out in Western Kentucky. With this amendment, their education could be harmed because that money is going to go to rich folks in big cities. What this amendment means is taking away money from public schools."



Adam Spinks
Grayson County Education Association
Social Studies Teacher,
Grayson County High School
Grayson County Schools

"I would tell all of my neighbors and colleagues to Vote NO on Amendment 2 because it would allow our tax dollars to go away from our community, which means we're going to lose funding that supports the people, the programs, and the technology that help our kids in Grayson County."



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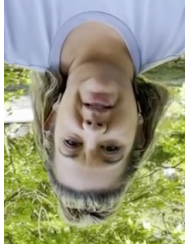
VOTE NO on Constitutional Amendment 2

"Any concerned community member should Vote NO on Amendment 2 because 90 percent of all kids go to public schools, and it's very important that we have the funding to support our public schools and to ensure successful outcomes for our students."

Natalie Rashad
Jefferson County Teachers Association
6th Grade Math Teacher,
W. E. B. DuBois Academy
Jefferson County Schools



"We do not need this amendment for multiple reasons. My school is Title 1 and already underfunded. We cannot afford to lose one more dollar, especially for a voucher program. It would be detrimental to teachers, detrimental to our community, and most importantly detrimental to our students. Kids in Western Kentucky need resources in the schools they are currently in."



Nora Ransey
Calloway County Education Association
Elementary School Teacher,
Northern Elementary School
Calloway County Schools



Marcie Viox
Boone County KESPA
Bus Driver
Boone County Schools

"I'm asking you to Vote NO on Amendment 2. It would take money away from over 90 percent of the children in the state of Kentucky and give vouchers to private schools."



Sarah Blades
Fayette County Education Association
7th Grade Teacher,
Traditional Magnet,
Fayette County Schools

"I am Voting NO on Amendment 2 because I want all of my students to have equal opportunities and removes funding from our public schools, and funding from our most vulnerable students."



Trish Click
Johnson County Education Association
4th Grade Teacher,
W.R. Castle Memorial
Johnson County Schools

"Amendment 2 is attacking our public schools. Right now, our schools are not fully funded. Our schools are struggling. I teach in Eastern Kentucky where we have a lot of poverty, and we have to support our kids with clothing and shoes and food. If we lose the money for our schools and we lose educators, I don't know how our families will survive in the area."

public school educator and school employee jobs could be cut if Amendment 2 is passed.

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Public Funds for Public Schools

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