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KEA'S 2026 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, inclusive, and fully funded public education for ALL Kentucky students.
- Increase state revenue through non-regressive tax reform and other appropriate means
- Fully fund 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.

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

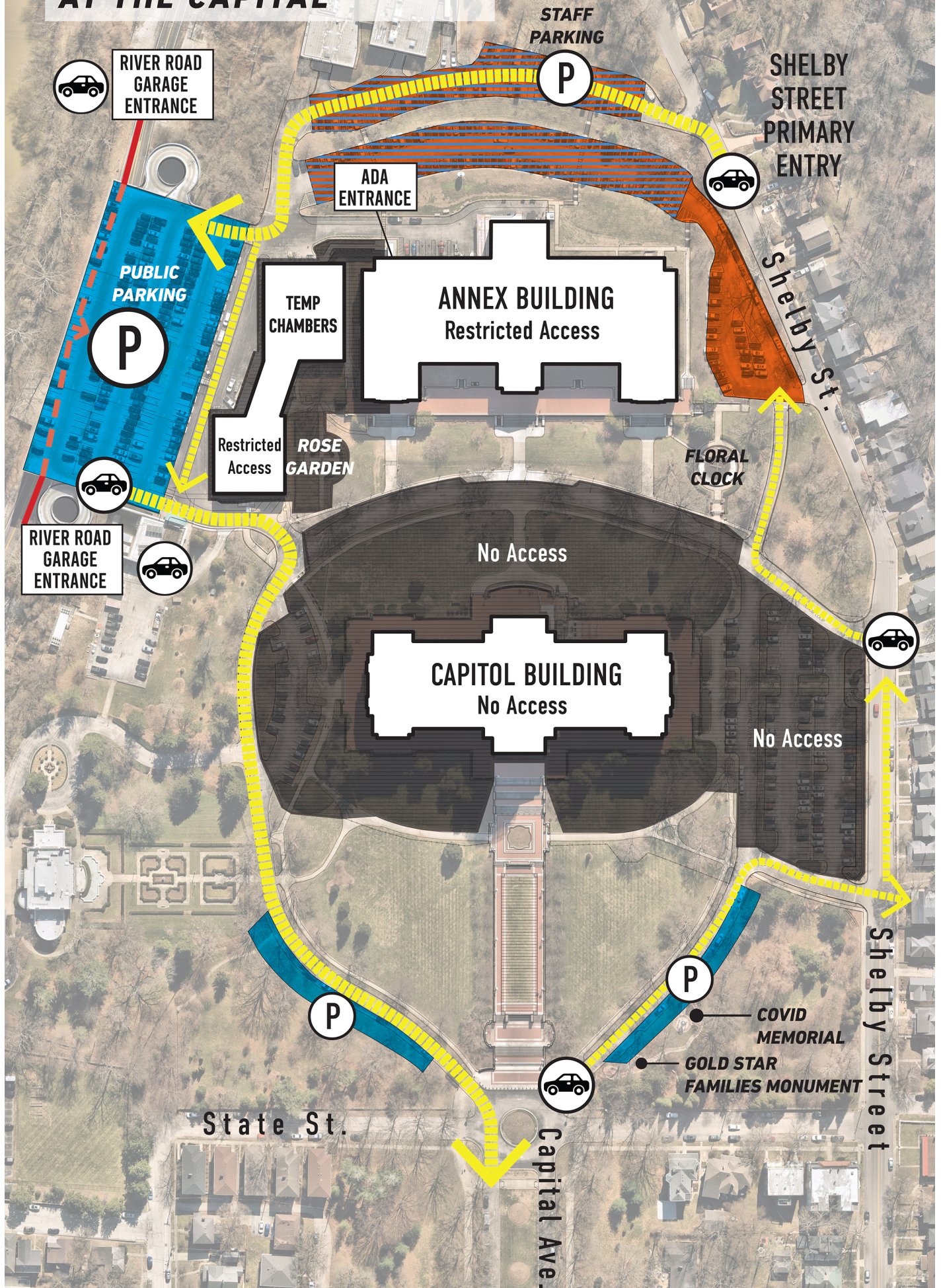
Scan the QR Code below to be taken to a form where you can tell us about your meeting(s) with the Legislators.



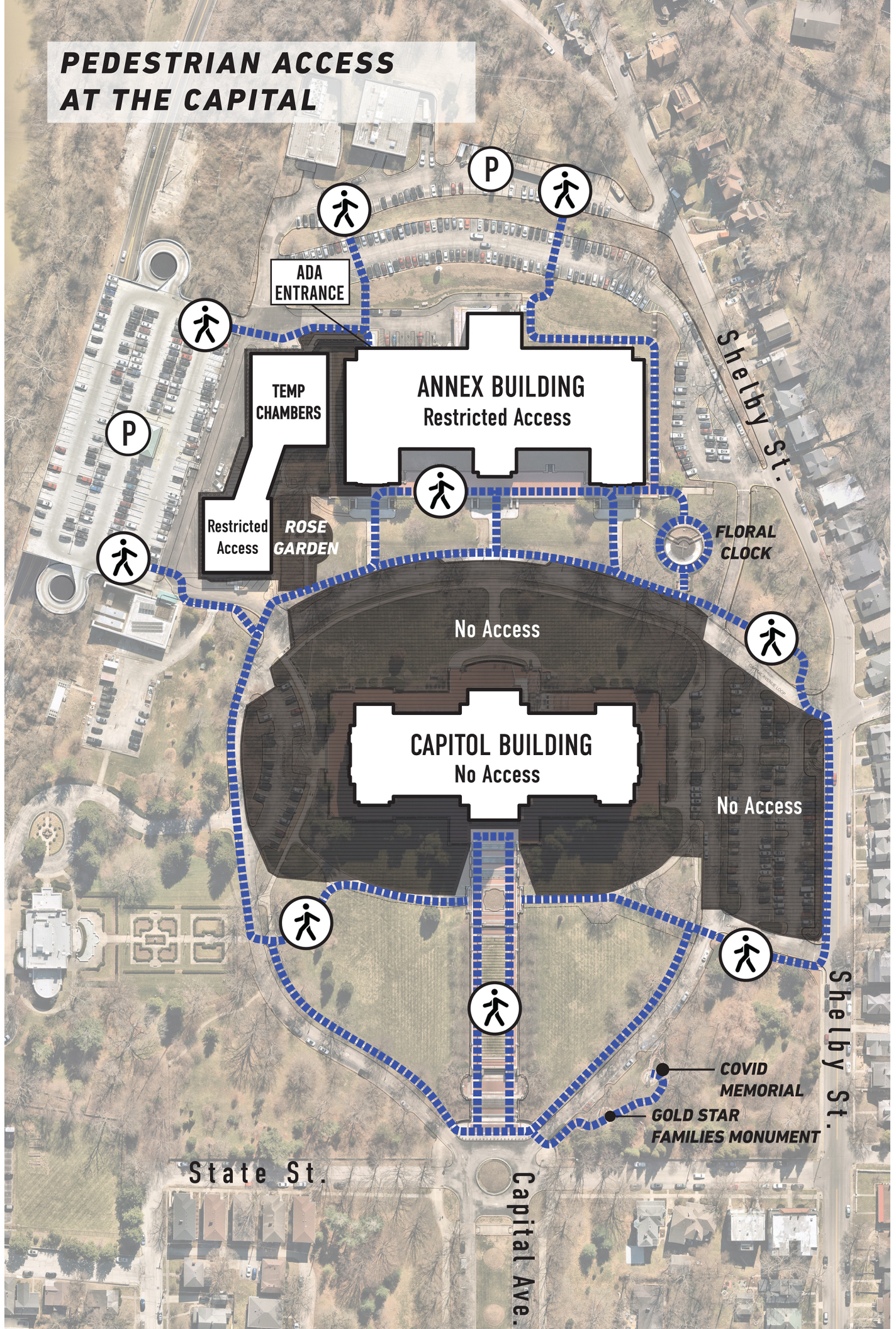
If you have any questions, please contact
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Don't forget to tag us in any photos of your meetings on Social Media! Use the hashtags **#ILOVEMYKYPUBLICSCHOOL,**
#KEADay2026, and **#KEAProud**

VEHICULAR ACCESS AT THE CAPITAL



PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT THE CAPITAL



KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

GENERAL TIPS

- Legislative committee meetings year-round are open to the public, and no special passes are needed.
- 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.

**Due to renovations, there is no Capitol access this session.*

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.
- TTY Message Line - 1-800-896-0305
En Español - 1-866-840-6574

VISITOR PARKING & INFO

- **Due to limited parking during ongoing construction, it is recommended to carpool and park in the garage.**
- **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.
- 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.
- There is a handicap accessible entrance in the Capitol Annex
- Planning ahead and knowing where to park and the location of public entrances will help make your visit more successful.

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!
- Meeting with your legislator establishes a relationship that you can take back home and invite them to participate in activities at your school.
- 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

- Prior to your KEA Day, you should call in advance to schedule a meeting for you and your group. Keep in mind that legislators are busy so you may need to be flexible.
- It is always more effective if you, as a constituent, ask for an appointment, rather than having your organization's staff make the request.
- On the day of your visit, it is important to keep an eye on your email and notifications for last minute changes to scheduled meeting times.

DURING THE MEETING

- Be prepared. 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. He/She can introduce the group and make a brief statement about why you are there and then invite different perspectives based on each person's experiences.
- Be certain that members of your group agree on the objectives for the meeting and on the points to be addressed. Plan to talk ahead of time.

MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

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, 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 thank you note and an email 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 Reporting Form by scanning the QR Code below.

