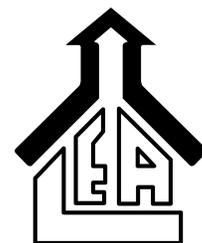


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- LEA has nearly 600 members.
- Your LEA membership also gives you membership in KNEA and NEA and access to thousands of dollars in grant funds!
- LEA is your voice in the Kansas Legislature.
- LEA works for you.

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Your Vote is Important!! A message from the president

Dear Members,

I know that you hear that all of the time, but I ask you to stop and think about just how true that is as we approach this November election. The Kansas State Board of Education races are a prime example of how critical voters are right now. Due to the increased involvement, we, the voting public, changed the make-up of the of the state board. This as we know significantly impacts the education of the students in Kansas. Many anti-education groups are organizing as we speak to swing the state board back to the mess we had before. You can help stop this swing and help stabilize education for Kansas students. KNEA has endorsed Carolyn Campbell for State Board of Education. Please get out there and vote—your vote really can make a difference.

Meet Your Program Committee



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Election 2008: Be part of the Solution

By Deena Burnett (LEA-PAC Chair)

Health care, the economy, the environment, foreign policy... the list goes on and on as voters work to determine where candidates stand on the issues. And work it is as the messages are not always clear. For LEA-PAC, KNEA, and NEA the decisions are easier to make as our focus is only on education issues. Our leaders ask only questions about education. We don't ask where our candidates stand on gun control, coal fired power plants, or abortion rights because those are not our issues.

As the election nears members will receive a postcard from KNEA listing the recommended candidates in our area. This postcard is easily portable as you make your way to the polls on November 4. Space is limited on the postcard therefore I've provided some background information on area races.

House District 44—Barbara Ballard (D) is running unopposed. Ballard has a strong record of supporting K-16 education. She was not recommended by KNEA as she did not complete and return the questionnaire nor did she agree to interview with the KPAC team. (KPAC guidelines require this for consideration.)

House District 45—John Wilson (D) and Tom Sloan (R) KNEA has recommended John Wilson. While Sloan has often been recommended for support of public education, in the 2008 session he voted to reward school districts with extra money if they would take money off the bargaining table and give it to secondary math and science teachers. (HB 2870) KNEA members encouraged Sloan to vote with the moderate Republicans to kill this bill but he did not. Fortunately, the bill was defeated

House District 46—Paul Davis (D) is running unopposed and has the recommendation of KNEA-KPAC.

Senate District 2—Marci Francisco (D) and Scott Morgan (R) Francisco is the KNEA-KPAC-LEA-PAC recommended candidate. Francisco has a strong education voting record. Senator Francisco has a 92.68 voting record in support of public education over four years.

Senate District 3—Tom Holland (D) and Roger Pine (R) Holland is the KNEA recommended candidate. Holland has been a strong supporter of education in his tenure in House District 10 and is moving on to the Senate.

State Board of Education District 4—Carolyn Campbell (D) and Robert Meissner (R)

Campbell is the KNEA recommended candidate in District 4. Please take the time to vote all the way down your ballot. It's important to maintain our strong pro-public education State Board.

Congressional District 2—Nancy Boyda (D) and Lynn Jenkins (R)

Congresswoman Boyda has been a strong supporter of public schools and has the recommendation of KNEA.

Congressional District 3—Dennis Moore (D) and Nick Jordan (R) KNEA recommends Congressman Moore for re-election due to his support in Washington.

Important dates to remember:

Monday, October 20, Last day to register to vote

Friday, October 31, Last day to apply for advance voter registration.



The Kansas Secretary of State site is www.kssos.org. You can download voter registration forms and the advance voter application at this site. You can also enter your address if you are not sure of the district in which you reside.

If you would like to volunteer your time to a candidate, would like to take a business day to drive voters to the polls, make phone calls, write postcards, etc., please contact Deena Burnett at dlburnet@yahoo.com. Be a part of this election!

