



Government Relations Committee Report to the
2017 KEA Delegate Assembly

The KEA Government Relations Committee is a standing committee authorized by the KEA Constitution Article IV Section 1 B-6.2, which states that the Government Relations Committee shall:

- recommend the Legislative Program to the Delegate Assembly
- influence and support the accomplishment of the Legislative program goals and related issues;
- facilitate Legislative Contact Team activity;
- help facilitate activities in the Legislative Support goal area;
- exert continued energy toward the pursuit of and continuation of negotiations with local boards of education;
- and
- support crisis activity

The Government Relations Committee will recommend to the 2017 KEA Delegate Assembly a legislative program which reflects the wishes of the membership. The Committee has worked over the past year to assure that KEA's Legislative Program accurately reflects KEA's legislative goals for the Kentucky General Assembly.

The Government Relations Committee continues its efforts to accomplish the goals of the KEA Legislative Program and to facilitate members' involvement in legislative advocacy around issues contained within the legislative program and other issues of importance to education employees. The committee worked to help implement the "I Love My Public Schools" campaign, celebrating the successes of the Kentucky public schools and the need to support *ALL* of the Commonwealth's students with the resources they need to be prepared for college and career. The Committee actively participated in and promoted Day of Learning activities at the Capitol, and continue to multiply access points for members to better engage and understand the legislative process, whether in Frankfort or at home, to facilitate more frequent and meaningful lobbying activities with legislators and decision makers across the state.

The elected committee chairperson for the committee is Kim Coomer (Third District).

Respectfully Submitted,

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