



Goal/purpose of the day - Guided by Kentuckians who cherish diversity, equity, inclusion, and honest, fully-funded public education, and who have the most personal understanding of these issues, we will gather in Frankfort to advocate for education justice and collaborate with key legislators to garner support for our education justice goals. We will prioritize Black liberation and anti-racism. Our event will create a space for learning, mutual support, and the realization of our collective power. This initiative will be bolstered by training both on the day of the event and in the lead-up to it. Additionally, we will utilize this day for base-building among participants, complemented by a live-streaming event and shared stories about the day's activities.

Education Justice Lobby Day 2026 Co-Sponsors:



Kentucky Public School Strong Education Justice Lobby Day 2026

Kentucky Public School Strong is made up of parents, students, educators, and community members who are committed to honest, equitable, and fully funded public schools. We support each other in turning out to local school board meetings to observe, make our Public School Strong movement visible, and speak up to promote, protect, and strengthen our public education system. Anyone who is committed to those principles can join a Kentucky Public School Strong team. Kentucky Public School Strong is anchored by Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, and will grow to include several groups and organizations.

Goals for the Lobby Day & Rally

- *Deepen ownership of people who come out*
- *Raise awareness and support of the issue in the public*
- *People take action in varied and meaningful ways - telling their stories, talking to legislators, speaking at the Rally, calling the message line, etc.*
- *Communicate stories to legislators - make it real to them*
- *100 people, including many first-time lobbyists, build their experience*
- *20 legislative meetings*

Basic Schedule of the day

- **7:30 - 8:00 am** - Arrive early with ID to get through security (might take 30 minutes to get through)
- **8:30 - 10:45 am** - we will be in *Capital Annex Room 125*.
 - We'll break into lobby teams and train. Lobby appointments begin at 9am.
 - Options for legislative actions will be present to support education justice.
- **10:45 - 11:00 am** - move to *Capitol Annex Room 171*.
- **11:00 am - noon** - Education Justice Rally, Capitol Annex room 171.
- **11:00 am - 1:00 pm** - lunch in the Cafeteria, in the basement of the Annex. KFTC will cover 150 lunch tickets - get your lunch ticket when you check-in in one of the above rooms.
- **Noon - 1:00 pm** - remaining lobby appointments
- **1:30 pm** - End of activities for the day

Our Legislative Positions:

- We SUPPORT free menstrual products for students - House Bill 95 -
- We OPPOSE school vouchers - House Bill 1 & House Bill 88 - kftc.org/KB1
- We OPPOSE anti-DEI legislation - Senate Bill 26 - kftc.org/SB26
- We OPPOSE breaking up school districts - House Bill 11 - kftc.org/KB11
- We OPPOSE cuts to public education funding - House Bill 500
- We OPPOSE taking away the vote for School Boards from voters - Senate Bill 114 - kftc.org/SB114
- We OPPOSE taking power away from Site-Based Decision Making councils - Senate Bill 152

Asks to legislators:

- Will you vote YES on House Bill 95 - free menstrual products for students?
- Will you vote NO to a veto override if Governor Beshear vetoes House Bill 1?
- Will you vote NO on anti-DEI legislation - Senate Bill 26?
- Will you vote NO to breaking up school districts, particularly in Jefferson county - House Bill 11?
- Will you vote NO to taking the vote away from voters in school board elections - Senate Bill 114?
- Will you vote NO to taking decision making power away from Site-Based Decision Making Councils - Senate Bill 152?

Anytime Actions

- Call the LRC message hotline and ask to leave a message for your senator, your representative, and likely a committee.
 - En espanol: 866-840-6574
 - English: 800-372-7181
- Leave a personal note for your legislator
- Go to kftc.org/edu to email legislators with your vision for fully-funded, honest, just, & equitable public education
- Scan the QR codes around the room to access click-to-email tools to legislators
- **Use social media to let your friends know what's going on in Frankfort today. Create & post pictures, videos, quotes. Some legislators have social media accounts.**
- Use the hashtag **#KYGA26, #KyEdJustice, #ProtectDEI, #ProtectPublicEd**
- 2026 Kentucky Legislators: <https://qrco.de/KY-legs>
- 2026 General Assembly Committees: <https://qrco.de/KY-comms>
- Find all KY General Assembly bills: <https://qrco.de/KY-bills>



Bill facts & info

- ***We SUPPORT free menstrual products for students - House Bill 95 -***
 - Sponsors: Representatives Lisa Willner & George Brown Jr.
 - “Access to menstrual products is a matter of public health”
 - “Inadequate access contributes to school absenteeism, academic disparities, and disproportionate impacts on students from low-income households”
 - “require each public school that includes any of grades 6 through 12 to provide free menstrual products to students”
 - “require each local board of education to adopt policies for the distribution of free menstrual products”
“appropriate to the Learning and Results Services budget unit with the Department of Education \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to provide menstrual products to students”
- ***We OPPOSE anti-DEI legislation - Senate Bill 26 - kftc.org/SB26***
 - SB 26 would eliminate the diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, positions, and trainings in public schools that ensure children of every race, background, and zip code are free to learn and pursue their dreams.
 - Removes language requiring targeted minority recruitment;
 - Requires school districts and cooperative boards to follow designated procedures when implementing this Act, including termination or transfer of certain employees;
 - Requires the Kentucky Department of Education to eliminate the Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging and follow designated procedures when implementing this Act, including termination or transfer of certain employees.
 - Prohibit the KY Dept of Ed, school districts, public schools, and cooperative boards from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- ***We OPPOSE breaking up school districts - House Bill 11 - kftc.org/HB11***
 - House Bill 11 is an attempt by legislators in Frankfort to break up Jefferson County Public Schools.
 - House Bill 11 is another attack from opponents of public education. They want to divide us based on our differences so that they can continue to cut funding from the schools where all of our children learn and grow.
- ***We OPPOSE taking away the vote for School Boards from voters - Senate Bill 114 - kftc.org/SB114***
 - Elected school board members would be replaced with appointed boards
 - Board members would be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Metro Council – not chosen by the voters
 - JCPS board would expand from 7 to 11 members, none of them elected

- FCPS board would expand from 5 to 7 members, none of them elected
 - Applies to any district with 25,000+ students – targeting Jefferson and Fayette Counties.
 - Kentucky Students deserve to have school boards elected by voters.
 - School board members in Kentucky should remain elected by the people.
- ***We OPPOSE taking power away from Site-Based Decision Making councils - Senate Bill 152***
 - Kentucky SBDM councils were established in 1990 under the Kentucky Education Reform Act.
 - Converts SBDM councils into advisory-only roles
 - Shifts authority for school policy decisions directly to the principal
 - Increases the role of the superintendent in selecting school principals
 - Requires school-based policies to be reviewed and approved by the local board of education.
- ***We OPPOSE school vouchers - House Bill 1 & House Bill 88 - kftc.org/HB1***
 - HB 88 is another attempt by legislators to spend public dollars on private schools via a federal tax credit school voucher scheme.
 - Their (federal tax credit) voucher program would put the wealthiest few over most kids' freedom to learn.
 - Just like we voted together in 2024 to defeat Amendment 2 and keep public dollars in public schools, Kentuckians can join together to once again tell our legislators that they must fully fund our schools and give kids in every Kentucky county the resources they need to learn, grow, and thrive.
- ***We OPPOSE cuts to public education funding - House Bill 500***
 - SEEK (per pupil) funding should be increased, not frozen
 - School transportation should be fully-funded
 - Educators & school staff deserve adequate raises & funding
 - Early childhood education should be funded completely
 - Health insurance premiums should remain affordable for educators



Education Justice Lobby Day - Contact Sheet legislative meetings

Who were our lobbyists?

1) Which legislator did you contact?

What bills/topics did you discuss?

Notes: (Include whether for/against/willing to cosponsor, and any follow-up action needed.)

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Submit Lobby notes here: <https://qrco.de/edu-notes>



End-of Day Reflection Questions

If your group has some down-time, please ask people to share their reflections to the following questions or even make a video about their experiences.

A) What's been the most encouraging or inspiring part of your experience?

B) What's been the most frustrating part of lobbying?

C) Given all of this, why is it important that people (who have the right to vote) should get out and vote this year?

Make sure this contact sheet gets back to a KFTC Staff person for data entry.

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE GRASSROOTS LOBBYING

Making your voice heard in Frankfort

- Take the long-term view of your relationship with each legislator.
- Tell personal stories. Why is the issue important to you?
- Do your homework. You should know the basic facts of the bill, the bill number, who the sponsors are, and where it is in the legislative process.
- Always be more reasonable than our opponents. Stay calm, cool, respectful and firm.
- Understand that your job is to educate lawmakers about issues and bills they may not be familiar with.
- Ask directly for their support. “Will you vote for this bill?”
- Say thank you, no matter his/her response, and send a note.
- Write down what was said and share your notes with KFTC so we can track where we stand on each bill.
- Don’t make stuff up. If you don’t know the answer to a question, say that you will find out. Be sure to follow up!
- Don’t threaten lawmakers. Don’t make disrespectful statements. (Be hard on the issues, not the people.)
- Don’t assume that lawmakers know every bill or issue.
- *Don’t get discouraged. You have every right to be heard. Your voice and your perspective matter.*

TIPS FOR GREAT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making your voice heard in Frankfort

Letters to the editor are a low-cost, effective way to let decision-makers know how you feel about important issues.

KFTC can help you distribute your letter to newspapers across the state. Contact us today!

Your letter to the editor should be:

- Brief. Easy to read. To the point.
 - Focused on one issue.
 - Supported by key facts.
 - Personal. Describe how you are affected.
 - A call to action. What do you want lawmakers and members of the public to do?
 - Humorous, if appropriate.
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The 2026 Kentucky Public School Strong Education Justice Lobby Day & Rally is co-sponsored by the following organizations & groups. We encourage you to get involved today for honest, equitable, just, & fully-funded public education in Kentucky.

Kentucky Public School Strong - <https://kftc.org/pss>

120 United KY AFT - <https://ky120united.aft.org>

Jefferson County Teachers Association - <https://www.jcta.org>

Protect Our Schools KY - <https://protectourschoolsky.com>

Floyd County Democratic Women's Group

Kentucky Citizens for Democracy - <https://kycitizens.org>

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth - <https://kftc.org/edu>



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