**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – JANUARY 30, 2012**

**In the legislature this past week: as reported by KASA:**

1. A brief summary of the elementary and secondary education budget includes a base SEEK funding level of $3833 per pupil in 2012-13 and $3827 in 2013-14 (both years are below the current year SEEK base); 4.5% reductions in non-SEEK programmatic funds in 2012-13; and no increase in transportation funding. There are slight (2%) increases proposed for employee health insurance, and $15M in new funding for preschool in 2013-14. The budget proposes to provide $100M in bonding for school construction. Bottom line: local districts will again face the prospect of dramatic staff and program reductions and depletion of local fund balances.
2. Bills on the move this week include **HB 40**, the bill that would create one statewide certified evaluation system, based on multiple factors, including student performance; **HB 89**, a bill requiring SBDM councils to include only tenured teachers and parents who reside in the school district; **SB 64**, which creates a criminal penalty for intentional violation of state testing procedures; and **SB 86**, establishing the requirements of a formal early graduation program for high school students.
3. Due to re-districting our new state representative will be Rick Rand (D) (Trimble County) and our new state senator will be Paul Hornback (R) (Shelby County).
4. KSBA Annual Conference – February 3-5 – Galt House, Louisville, KY
5. Gallatin County High School won the district Governor’s Cup completion on Saturday, January 28th defeating Owen Co., Williamstown, Grant Co. and Walton Verona. They will compete in the regional Governor’s Cup competition on Saturday, Feb. 18th at Martha Layne Collins High School.