

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Constituents

FROM: William Twyman, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education

DATE: **TBD**

SUBJECT Nominations for David Karem Award;
Submission Deadline ****insert deadline here****

Mr. David Karem served on the Kentucky Board of Education from 2009 through 2016. He has experienced a very distinguished professional career, having served for thirty-three (33) years in the Kentucky State Senate and Chair of the Senate Education Committee. During his tenure in the Kentucky General Assembly, Mr. Karem championed the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) and led the efforts for the 4% school tax levy by school districts.

The Kentucky Board of Education is proud to announce the first annual David Karem Award. This award may be given to state policymakers, education leaders, or citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education through venues such as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations. Recipients of this award must demonstrate outstanding leadership and impact on educational policy and the education system during the past year or over an extended career of public service. In addition, this individual must demonstrate his or her commitment to working cohesively with different stakeholders.

The Board invites your nomination(s) on the enclosed form. Because nominations may come from both organizations and individuals, additional copies of the form may be made and distributed throughout your membership/board. Notice that in addition to completing the nomination form, a brief narrative of 500 words or less describing how the person has exhibited the award criteria must be submitted to me no later than ****insert deadline here****.

Thank you for your assistance in identifying and recognizing candidates that exemplify the leadership characteristics of Mr. David Karem through their influence on education policy and the education system.

If there are questions about the nomination process, contact Leslie Slaughter at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808 or via e-mail at Leslie.Slaughter@education.ky.gov.

Enclosure: David Karem Award Nomination Form