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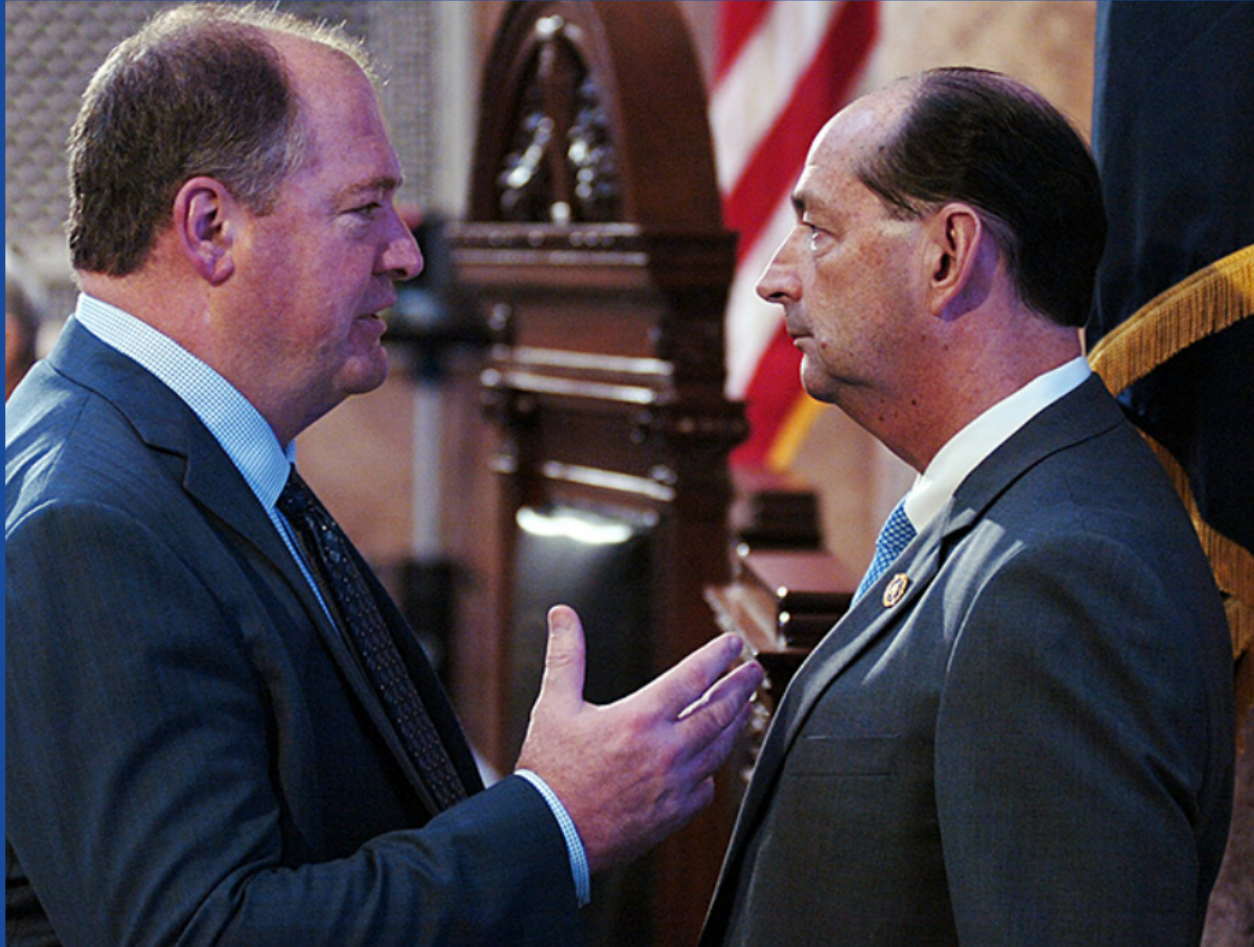
**Jefferson County Public Schools**

# Upcoming Sessions

- October/November 2017: Potential Special Session on Pension Reform
- January - April 2018 Regular Session - Budget
- Tax Reform?







**“Politics is  
more difficult  
than physics.”**

**– Albert  
Einstein**

# JCPS Priority

## **Continue Efforts to address KTRS & CERS Unfunded Liability and to Increase Pension System Transparency**

JCPS recognizes and supports recent efforts of the General Assembly and the Governor to increase transparency and address the problem of the unfunded liabilities of the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS), the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), and other parts of the state pension system. JCPS supports a continuation of that work, and implementation of a sustainable plan to fund and maintain the KTRS and the CERS on an actuarially sound basis.

# JCPS Priority

## **Maintain Funding for Elementary & Secondary Education in the Context of State Tax Reform**

JCPS supports comprehensive tax reform that diversifies and stabilizes revenue streams for the Commonwealth, that encourages robust economic growth, and that is fair and equitable, including for poor and working families. As changes to the tax structure are being contemplated, the General Assembly should ensure that the revenue generated is sufficient for elementary and secondary education funding to be maintained particularly in light of rising costs, unfunded pension liabilities, and relatively flat funding for education.

# JCPS Priority

## Essential Skills Legislation

JCPS strongly supports Essential Skills legislation that directs the development and implementation of standards, assessments, and curricula designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate essential life and workforce skills such as adaptability, diligence, initiative, reliability, and collaboration. The legislation should require KDE to establish state standards and criteria for attainment of essential skills, and instructional and curricular resources, while permitting flexibility at the school and district level regarding implementation.

# JCPS Priority

## **Retain Local Control Over Student Assignment**

JCPS supports keeping the responsibility for student assignment to schools with local school boards, and strongly opposes legislation that would reduce or eliminate local control of student assignment. If legislation is enacted that requires any local school board to change its current student assignments, the legislation should also provide that the additional expense to the school district will be paid with state General Fund appropriations.

# JCPS Priority

## **Oppose Use of Public Funds for Non-Public Schools**

JCPS endorses legislation that enhances and promotes public education, and opposes the use of public dollars to support programs that fund non-public schools, such as vouchers or tuition tax credits.





# QUESTIONS