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AMENDMENT 2 UPDATE



Latest updates on Amendment 2

To Kentucky's local school board members,

As you know, Constitutional Amendment 2, commonly known as the “voucher amendment,” will appear on Kentucky ballots this fall asking voters whether state legislators should have broad new authority to spend public tax dollars on private schools and other non-public education providers. KSBA is strongly opposed to Amendment 2, reflecting the overwhelming consensus among Kentucky's locally elected school board members who believe public funds are for public schools.

Between now and Election Day, KSBA will provide regular communications to our members on Amendment 2 including, but not limited to, news, updates, member polling, advocacy resources, answers to common questions and other tools to help you to better inform your communities. We will also take the opportunity to solicit feedback from you to learn how the amendment and its potential passage may negatively impact your district.

Stay tuned to KSBA's Amendment 2 page for helpful advocacy resources

KSBA has launched a webpage dedicated to raising awareness and distributing advocacy resources in opposition to Amendment 2. Association members and other advocates who value the education of all students – including the nearly 640,000 currently served by Kentucky's public schools – can learn more about the amendment and its potential impacts. KSBA's resource page includes pertinent downloadable documents, answers to frequently asked questions, talking points, news stories and more. Check back regularly for updates and additional resources leading up to Election Day on Nov. 5.

[Access KSBA's Amendment 2 resources page.](#)

Pro tip: Once on the page, consider bookmarking it in your browser so that you can easily return to it.

Amendment 2 in the news

As Election Day approaches, Amendment 2 will see increasing attention in the media. KSBA will often link to relevant headlines, press releases and news segments.

- The *Kentucky Lantern* spoke to several community stakeholders in and around Graves County – including parents and a district administrator – about their thoughts on Amendment 2. [Read the full story.](#)
- New Kentucky Education Commissioner Robbie Fletcher was asked about Amendment 2 during last week's "Comment on Kentucky" on KET. [View a recording of the Aug. 2 program.](#) Skip ahead to the 15-minute mark of the program to hear Fletcher's take on Amendment 2.
- A report released last month by the [Kentucky Center for Economic Policy](#) examines what programs will likely follow if Amendment 2 is approved, and how they will impact education in the Commonwealth. The report suggests that, if Kentucky were to adopt a Florida-style voucher/"school choice" program, it would cost \$1.19 billion annually and negatively impact both rural and urban public school districts. Estimated cost/impact is also [viewable by district](#). The report found that 65%-90% of voucher costs in other states are applied to students already enrolled in private schools or who already intend to enroll in private schools. [Read the full report.](#)

Four easy ways to get involved NOW

1. Register for KSBA's free webinar to be held at at Noon (ET) Wednesday, Aug. 14 entitled, "Intro to Amendment 2: Public tax dollars for private education." And tell your friends, as the webinar is open to all public education advocates! [Register for the webinar.](#)
2. Ask to put Amendment 2 on an upcoming school board meeting agenda where members can discuss the issue and you can express your personal opposition. Check out KSBA's helpful [frequently asked questions document](#) about public discussion of the amendment.
3. Share, like and comment on KSBA [Facebook](#) and [X/Twitter](#) posts related to Amendment 2. This helps spread the word and to make clear that you are voting no.
4. Reach out to KSBA and let us know about the conversations you are having and/or hearing about in your local community regarding Amendment 2. What are the questions you're hearing? The concerns? The misinformation? Where and when is the topic being discussed? Reach out to Amendment2@ksba.org with questions, concerns and local updates.

INTRO TO AMENDMENT 2:

Public tax dollars for private education



Free webinar for public education advocates



Wednesday, Aug. 14
Noon – 1:15 p.m. (ET)



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Protect Our Schools KY

KSBA certainly isn't alone in its opposition to Amendment 2. We stand united with countless other concerned groups – both inside and outside of public education. One way KSBA's board of directors has chosen to demonstrate that solidarity is through endorsement of [Protect Our Schools Kentucky](#), a growing coalition of groups equally opposed to the amendment – including the state organizations representing superintendents, school administrators, current and retired teachers, education support professionals, school social workers, parents and students, among many others.

Protect Our Schools KY is now asking locally elected officials (such as school board members, council members, magistrates, etc.) to consider individual/personal endorsement of their organization. Below is a link to their endorsement form. While KSBA's board of directors voted to endorse Protect Our Schools KY as an organization, we leave it up to our members to decide if they wish to individually endorse.

[Individual endorsement form provided by Protect Our Schools KY.](#)

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