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TO: Interested Constituents

FROM: William Twyman, Chair *WBT*  
Kentucky Board of Education (KBE)

DATE: June 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Nominations for David Karem Award;  
Submission Deadline – July 24, 2017

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 KBE 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 no later than **Monday, July 24, 2017**.

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](mailto:Leslie.Slaughter@education.ky.gov).

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Enclosure: David Karem Award Nomination Form

# Kentucky Board of Education

## Mr. David Karem Award

**Submission Deadline: July 24, 2017**

This annual award is given in honor of David Karem, respected legislator and seven-year member of the Kentucky Board of Education. His tenure and leadership in the Kentucky General Assembly, as well as a member of the Kentucky Board of Education, have been crucial in shaping state-level educational policy that ensure Kentucky's children can compete in today's global economy.

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<b>Nominee Information</b>
Name _____
Title _____
Business Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
<b>Nominated By</b>
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____

In 500 words or less, describe how the individual person exhibits the award criteria.

Send nomination form and essay via mail, e-mail or fax to:

Kentucky Board of Education  
William Twyman, Chair  
300 Sower Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
E-mail to: [kbeawards@education.ky.gov](mailto:kbeawards@education.ky.gov)  
Fax: (502) 564-5680

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