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Proclamation By The Kentucky Retired Teachers Association

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come.

- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have devoted their careers to the education and training of literally thousands upon thousands of Kentucky's youth; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have retrained and/or provided primary educational opportunities to hundreds of adults in the state who for one reason or another, had fallen behind in the formal education needed for job and social skills; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers rendered valuable services in diverse leadership roles in their communities and institutions throughout their careers and continue to render such services as retirees; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent the profession, which is given the basic responsibility for launching the careers of state and national leaders and for laying the foundation for the welfare of all members of our society; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have toiled ceaselessly to improve the quality of life in the state and nation, too often in less than adequate circumstances and for less than adequate pay; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent a tremendous pool of experience and training which remains dedicated to the betterment of society everywhere; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent a loyal, patriotic, and concerned citizenry, which provided dedicated and dependable support to the leaders in our communities, state, and nation
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's 2014 General Assembly has honored Kentucky retired teachers by recognizing the third week of October as Kentucky Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann Porter, President of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2025, as

RETIREMENT TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

Done in the city of *Louisville, Kentucky*, the *twenty-eighth day* of *August*, in the year of our Lord *two thousand* and *twenty-four*.

The Leadership Issue

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Membership Deadlines



- Deadline for white cards by 10/3/25
- ADDs received after 10/3/25 must be accompanied with a check
- Cash Forms must be received by 1/19/26 to be counted toward Convention awards

"The impact of a truly great teacher is everlasting, and your legacy will continue to inspire those who follow in your footsteps."

Dates to Remember

Executive Council Meetings:

- December 8, 2025 -KRTA Office
- April 20, 2026 – Holiday Inn East, Louisville, KY
- June 8, 2026 – KRTA Office

KRTA Convention:

- April 20 & 21, 2026 – Holiday Inn East, Louisville, KY

District Presidents Meetings:

- July 28, 2025 – KRTA Office
- April 20, 2026 – KRTA Convention

2025-26 Membership Campaign: Final membership report printed on MLK Day 2026

Retired Teachers Appreciation Week- October 20-26, 2025

KRTA Local and District Recognition Forms:

- March 15, 2026 – Due to the KRTA Office

Volunteer Hours:

- March 15, 2026 – (Jan 1-Dec 31) – Report hours on Local Recognition Form

School Supply Drive/ Feed KY Program: Application for \$50 matching grant will be mailed to local presidents

- March 15, 2026 – Report the number of bags of school supplies contributed on the Local Recognition Form
- March 15, 2026 – Report the number of food items contributed on the Local Recognition Form

Frank R Hatfield Volunteer of the Year Award:

- February 3, 2026 - Local Presidents submit candidates to District Presidents
- March 15, 2026 - District Presidents submit candidates to the KRTA State Office
- April 21, 2026 - State Award Winner Announced

KRTA/AARP Grandparent Essay Contest :

- School Winner Dec 15, 2025
- County Winner Jan 31, 2026
- District Winner March 1, 2026
- State Winner announced at 2026 State Convention

2025-26 KRTA NEWS – Print Dates:

- Nov 2025 Issue – Submission Deadline Sept 19, 2025
- March 2026 Issue – Submission Deadline Jan 24, 2026

2025-2026 KRTA NEWS EXPRESS (Electronic Newsletter)

Release Dates:

- September 2025
- May 2026

2026 Travel with Collette and KRTA

KRTA Members are invited to participate in safe, affordable group travel. Guests are welcome but must travel with a KRTA member. Click below on each trip to view pictures and videos. Itinerary, pricing, and online reservations information is found under book online.

Book Early—KRTA has partnered with Collette Travel to offer customized travel opportunities. Plans include a reserved block of airline seats for each trip. A deposit is required to reserve your seat and to ensure you receive any advertised price reduction. Reservations made after the seating block is filled, or after the booking date has passed, are based on availability and are subject to a price increase. Prices include round trip airfare from Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport in Louisville. Departures from alternate gateways can be requested when booking.

British Landscapes (*Expires November 22, 2025*)

May 21 – 30, 2026

Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park (*Expires February 16, 2025*)

August 16 - 22, 2026

New York City Holiday (*Expires June 7, 2026*)

December 7 – 11, 2026

Two Ways to Book Your Trip

1. **Book Online**—Collette Travel utilizes an online reservation booking system. The links below include itinerary, pricing, and an online reservation form.

[Click here](#) for *British Landscapes*

[Click here](#) for *Canadian Rockies/Glacier National Park*

[Click here](#) for *New York City Holiday*

2. **Book Directly**—Collette Travel also offers a direct booking number for those who prefer to call, 1-800-581-8942 and refer to the KRTA booking number below:

1319634 *British Landscapes*

1319625 *Canadian Rockies/Glacier National Park*

1319628 *New York City Holiday*

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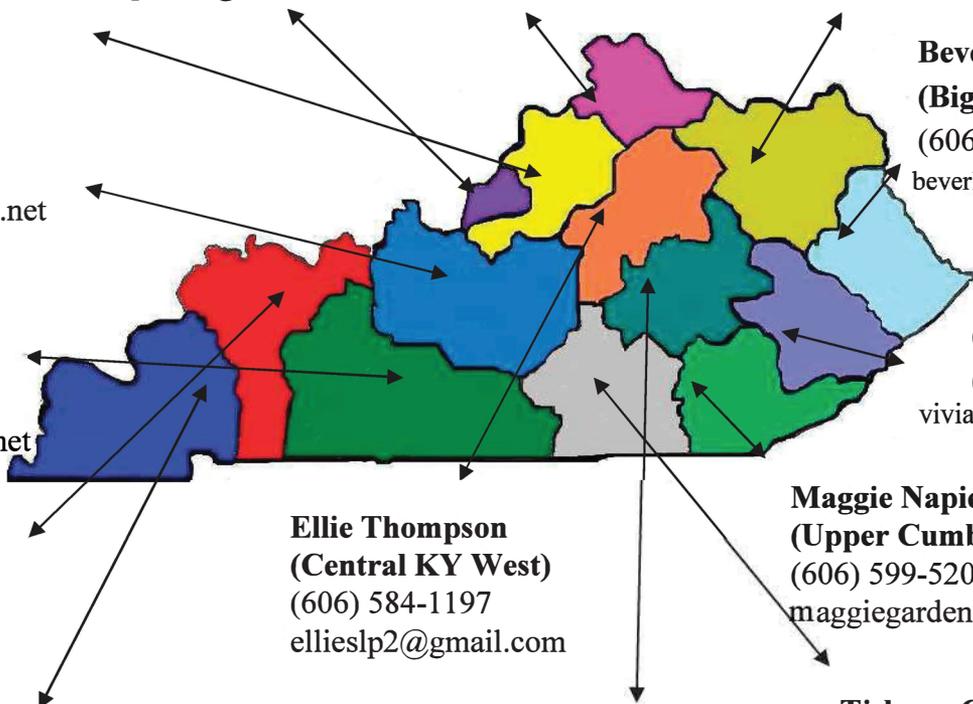
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DISTRICT AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE REPORT

September 16, 2025

DISTRICT	LOCAL	%	DISTRICT	LOCAL	%	DISTRICT	LOCAL	%
<u>BIG SANDY</u>								
	FLOYD	66.5%		OWEN	96.5%		GRANT	78.3%
	JOHNSON	83.3%		SHELBY	68.6%		KENTON	69.6%
	LAWRENCE	64.9%		SPENCER	73.1%		PENDLETON	85.1%
	MAGOFFIN	62.1%		TRIMBLE	79.1%	<u>SECOND</u>		
	MARTIN	88.8%	<u>FIRST</u>				CHRISTIAN	73.1%
	PIKE	71.9%		BALLARD	68.0%		DAVIESS/MCLEAN	72.3%
<u>CENTRAL KY EAST</u>								
	EKURA	52.2%		CALDWELL	79.4%		HANCOCK	89.1%
	ESTILL	66.1%		CALLOWAY	72.5%		HENDERSON	79.3%
	GARRARD	94.9%		CARLISLE	93.5%		HOPKINS	84.6%
	JACKSON	65.8%		CRITTENDEN	87.1%		UNION	90.3%
	LEE	94.6%		FULTON	93.8%		WEBSTER	92.7%
	LINCOLN	85.9%		GRAVES	76.2%	<u>THIRD</u>		
	MADISON	73.2%		HICKMAN	83.0%		ALLEN	70.7%
	MONTGOMERY	89.9%		LIVINGSTON	78.5%		BARREN	60.8%
	POWELL	95.0%		LYON	82.8%		BUTLER	93.0%
	ROCKCASTLE	74.6%		MARSHALL	69.8%		CUMBERLAND	94.4%
<u>CENTRAL KY WEST</u>								
	ANDERSON	63.0%		MCCRACKEN	77.8%		EDMONSON	87.1%
	BLUEGRASS	62.0%		TRIGG	75.4%		LOGAN	70.4%
	BOYLE	65.1%	<u>FOURTH</u>				METCALFE	100.0%
	CLARK	63.0%		BRECKINRIDGE	72.5%		MONROE	96.8%
	HARRISON	71.0%		E'TOWN/HARDIN/ LARUE	62.4%		MUHLENBERG	65.4%
	JESSAMINE	61.9%		GRAYSON	76.5%		OHIO	84.3%
	MERCER	67.2%		GREEN	95.9%		SIMPSON	78.4%
	NICHOLAS	83.3%		HART	90.4%	<u>UPPER CUMBERLAND</u>		
	ROBERTSON	76.9%		MARION	77.2%		BELL	75.7%
	SCOTT	66.2%		MEADE	66.0%		CLAY	61.9%
	WOODFORD	65.1%		NELSON	84.1%		HARLAN	54.6%
<u>EASTERN</u>								
	BATH	77.3%		TAYLOR	76.8%		KNOX	55.1%
	BOYD	74.2%		WASHINGTON	81.2%		LAUREL	69.9%
	CARTER	62.8%	<u>JEFFERSON</u>				MIDDLESBORO	99.0%
	ELLIOTT	68.5%		JEFFERSON	64.7%		WHITLEY	62.6%
	FLEMING	84.0%	<u>MIDDLE CUMBERLAND</u>			<u>UPPER KY RIVER</u>		
	GREENUP	69.9%		ADAIR	79.4%		BREATHITT	90.2%
	LEWIS	65.9%		CASEY	74.7%		KNOTT	89.4%
	MASON	92.9%		CLINTON	79.5%		LESLIE	54.9%
	MENIFEE	90.1%		MCCREARY	83.6%		LETCHER	85.7%
	MORGAN	87.3%		PULASKI	68.6%		OWSLEY	82.9%
	ROWAN	78.0%		RUSSELL	59.1%		PERRY	74.6%
<u>FIFTH</u>								
	BULLITT	80.3%	<u>NORTHERN</u>				WOLFE	80.6%
	CARROLL	90.4%		BOONE	75.2%			
	FRANKLIN	61.7%		BRACKEN	86.2%			
	HENRY	83.5%		CAMPBELL	76.8%			
	OLDHAM	59.6%		GALLATIN	86.4%			

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KRTA MEMBERSHIP STATEWIDE BY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 16, 2025



<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>POTENTIAL MEMBERS</u>	<u>ACTIVE MEMBERS</u>	<u>%-AGE</u>
Big Sandy	1,699	1,237	77.1%
Central KY East	2,667	2,057	77.1%
Central KY West	5,127	3,224	62.9%
Eastern	2,475	1,885	76.2%
Fifth	2,690	1,926	71.6%
First	2,864	2,189	76.4%
Fourth	3,059	2,271	74.2%
Jefferson	5,432	3,517	64.7%
Middle Cumberland	1,818	1,330	73.2%
Northern	3,243	2,434	75.1%
Second	2,905	2,270	78.1%
Third	3,657	2,495	68.2%
Upper Cumberland	2,199	1,438	65.4%
Upper KY River	1,311	1,068	82.5%
Out of State	3,368	1,850	81.5%
Associate	61	41	67.2%
TOTALS	44,566	31,119	69.8%

<u>MEMBERSHIP TYPE</u>	<u>SEPT 18, 2024</u>	<u>SEPT 17, 2025</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Automatic Dues	26,778	27,034	256
Cash	4,497	4,085	-412
TOTALS	31,275	31,119	-156
POTENTIAL TOTALS	44,469	44,566	97
PERCENTAGE	70.3%	69.8%	-.5%



MEMBERS ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

What Should We Do to Recruit/Retain Members?

- Encourage Involvement
- Emphasize Value
- Communicate Appropriately
- Survey Former Members

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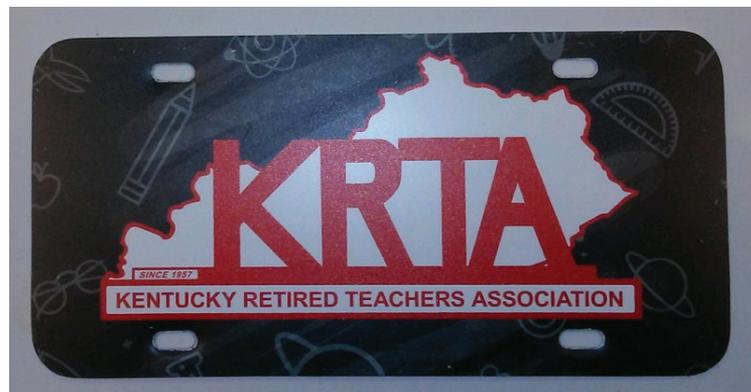
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