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## Kansas NEA Appoints New Leaders

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**Topeka-** At its recent Board of Directors meeting, the Kansas National Education Association appointed leaders to key positions. Mark Farr, a science teacher from the Nickerson area, assumed the position of KNEA President in late July following the passing of former President, Karen Godfrey. At the September meeting of the KNEA Board of Directors, former Secretary Treasurer, Sherri Schwanz was appointed to serve as KNEA Vice President and Kimberly Howard was appointed as KNEA Secretary Treasurer.

“Public schools are vitally important to the well-being and future of our state. I’m both blessed and honored to be in a position representing the dedicated education professionals who serve our students every day. I’m also excited to ask all supporters of Kansas public schools; parents, community organizations, elected officials, and the business community to join us as we lead Kansas public schools into the future.”

-Mark Farr, KNEA President

KNEA Vice President Sherri Schwanz, is a music teacher from the Lansing USD 469 school district. Sherri is an active member of her district and community having served as chair of her school’s site council, as chair of the Lansing Professional Development Council, and as a mentor to new teachers.

Kimberly Howard is an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher from the Wichita USD 259 school district. Kimberly has been an active leader within her district in addition to her service as a building / site representative within her school.

Kansas NEA is the largest private professional association whose members determine policy and direction through a representative democracy. With core guiding principles including equal opportunity, a just society, democracy, professionalism, partnership and collective action, KNEA is member-driven to ensure success for Kansas public school students.

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