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## **KNEA Releases Preliminary Candidate Recommendations for August Primary**

**Topeka**— Kansas NEA is proud to release a preliminary list of recommended candidates for the Kansas primary election to be held on August 5, 2014.

Among the recommended State House and Senate candidates are 73 Democrats and 30 Republicans.

Mark Desetti, KNEA Director of Political Advocacy describes the recommendation process as rigorous and member-driven. “Candidates are asked to participate in an interview process with a team of educators who reside in the candidate’s district,” Desetti remarked. “From those interviews we look at a broad scope of factors to determine which candidates show the greatest support for Kansas public schools.” Incumbent candidates are also judged according to their record of support for public schools.

KNEA Vice President Mark Farr who helps lead the recommendation process described members and educators as vigorously engaged this year because of the “consistent attacks on public schools by Governor Brownback and his allies in the legislature.” Referring to the attacks on public education in the dark of night on an April weekend, Farr commented, “While some legislators are beholden to big business and corporate donors, we make our recommendations through a deliberative process and in the light of day.”

KNEA Primary Recommendations, Sponsored by Kansas NEA PAC can be viewed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/atmfewh5dra4366/recommdationssponsored.pdf>

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