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Raise Your Hand Kansas!

Rally for public education to feature Paul Davis and other notable public education advocates.

Topeka- On Saturday, April 5th at 3:30 p.m., supporters of public education from across the state will be gathering on the lawn of historic Topeka High School to raise a hand for public education. This rally is the culmination of several concurrent efforts to raise awareness of the need to properly fund Kansas public schools with a clean bill from the Kansas Legislature signed by Governor Brownback. Scheduled to attend the rally are representatives from several public education coalitions, with pledges of support from Game On for Kansas Schools, Kansas Families for Education, and Kansas National Education Association to name a few. Kansas House Minority Leader, Representative Paul Davis is scheduled to deliver remarks as well as Senator Anthony Hensley, KNEA President Karen Godfrey, and other notable speakers.

Topeka High School was chosen as the location for the rally because of its historic significance, but also because **“it is a wonderfully diverse school which represents the kind of innovation Kansas public school educators employ in an effort to serve all students,”** said Karen Godfrey, KNEA President. Godfrey goes on to note that **“all Kansas students are best served when their schools have adequate resources, which isn’t the case right now.”**

The rally has been heavily promoted on social media and attendees are encouraged to wear red shirts. Volunteers will be circulating at the rally to collect petition signatures and commitment cards from participants who want to donate time to pro-public education campaigns during the upcoming election season.

Supporters from across the state are also participating in the rally from afar via social media. At 3:00 p.m., using the Thunderclap social media platform, supporters of Kansas public education will be sending a single unified message to nearly 100,000 social media followers in Kansas and beyond. These efforts illustrate that Kansas teachers, parents, school administrators, and citizens are tired of political wrangling and desire resolution to the school funding debate with a clean education bill which restores school funding as prescribed by the Supreme Court.

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