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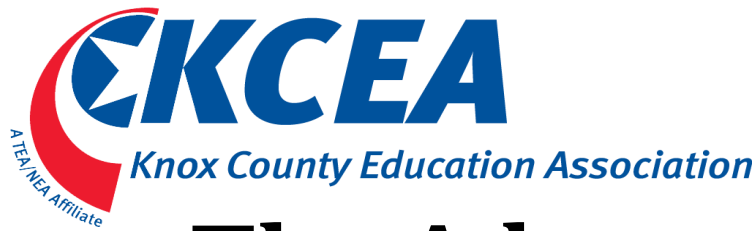
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# The Advocate



## Message From The President

Lately, I find myself reflecting upon parables in the “Good Book” which has alluded to countless encounters of resurgence amid pandemics and many other transforming experiences. I can not help but to be rejoiceful amid the current challenges and conflicts of COVID. As educators, we have been asked: How do you do it? Teach, that is? Why do you teach? We are being asked to choose how we prioritize the one thing we value: education. These questions of how we “teach,” as it is being put, are also questions about what and who are educated. It is merely a simple question that for our Governor or Mayors or Superintendent, it is hard for them to answer. It is a question for each of us, in the most personalized sense, about how we engage with one another, about when and how we prepare for the opening of schools, about how we value the children we spend our days enriching and nurturing, about what we are and are not willing to compromise for the sake of our health. And yet, the most difficult questions we are asking are still too BIG to grasp, because “We Are Educators!” In these uncertain times, it can be tough to keep your head on straight, amidst all the misinformation, panicking and a whirlwind of other things. However, it is vital more than ever that you understand what is true and what is false about our profession, as it is played out during this COVID pandemic. Whether you are teaching virtually, in-person or just taking care for yourself and your family at home, you are a vital piece to ensuring that students and families are getting the best educational experience you can provide. Continue to do what you are doing, educating children. Let your parents know that their money was put to good use. You are saving public education. Our students need us, parents need us, and we need each other. Get to know colleagues across this district, share information and build relationships; you will be better for it. Thank You for your dedication, Thank You for your commitment to public education and most importantly, Thank You for choosing to teach. We need you more than ever. Spend time by flattening the curve wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently and social distancing: FOR THE KIDS!

## IT'S VOTING TIME IN TENNESSEE...

## For Knox County School Educators

The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU aka contract) between the professional employees of Knox County Schools and the Knox County Board of Education will expire soon. In order to negotiate a successor agreement, we must show that the professional employees of Knox County wish to continue engaging in the collaborative conferencing process. By law, we must submit petition signatures to the Knox County Board of Education at the October board meeting. We will be collecting signatures on our online petition through September 30, 2020

# NEA Elects Pringle, Moss and Candelaria to Leadership BY TIM WALKER (online nea.org)



(L-R) NEA Vice President Princess Moss, President Becky Pringle and Secretary-Treasurer Noel Candelaria.

Becky Pringle, a science teacher from Harrisburg, PA, has been elected President of the National Education Association. Pringle, who served as NEA Vice President for six years, assumed her new duties on September 1. On that date, she became not only the leader of the nation's largest union representing 3 million educators, but also the highest-ranking African American female labor leader.

Joining Pringle on the new NEA leadership team will be NEA Vice President Princess Moss of Virginia and new Secretary-Treasurer Noel Candelaria of Texas. NEA elections are usually conducted in-person at the NEA's Representative Assembly, but due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year they were held remotely with nearly 6,000 elected NEA delegates casting mail-in ballots. The results were announced at a tele-townhall with RA delegates on Wednesday, August 5th, hosted by outgoing NEA President Lily Eskelsen García.

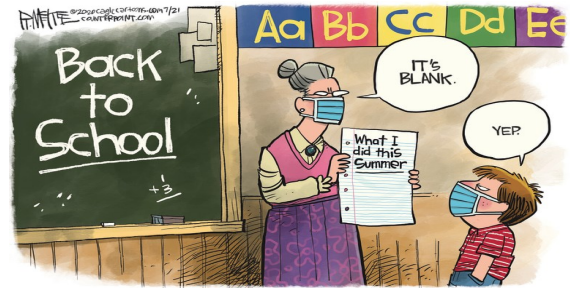
Pringle, Moss, and Candelaria are the "right people at the right time," Eskelsen García said. "This is an incredible leadership team. They will be the eyes and ears for our membership."

As Secretary-Treasurer, Candelaria will bring a "wealth of experience and knowledge to the NEA leadership team," said Eskelsen García. "He knows that our students, our schools are our purpose." A special education teacher and former teacher's aide from El Paso, Candelaria previously served as President and Vice President of the Texas State Teachers Association. "I know that public education is the heart of the American dream," said Candelaria. "We know from experience that every student can learn. We also know that shortchanging our schools today could shortchange our children for a lifetime."

Candelaria replaces Princess Moss who became NEA's new Vice President. An elementary music teacher from Louisa County, VA, Moss also served two terms on the NEA Executive Committee and was the President of the 62,000-member Virginia Education Association.

Eskelsen García praised Moss for seeing the potential in every child and has been "unapologetic and relentless" in fighting so that our students receive the support and resources necessary to succeed. "America's public schools continue to face many challenges and need our help more than ever," said Moss. "The COVID-19 pandemic has shed new light on the many inequities embedded into our systems. As your Vice President, I pledge my full attention and energy to ensuring safe learning spaces for all students and educators, and to bridging these inequities."

The delegates also reelected Hanna Vaandering, an elementary physical education teacher from Ridgewood Elementary in Beaverton, OR, to the NEA Executive Committee.



**KCEA Members & Potential Members, are you going to the tailgate party? Call Jason White, TEA UniServ 865-340-3839**

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#### District 2: Jennifer Owen

Belle Morris, Central, Christenberry, Fountain City, Fulton, Gresham, Inskip, Paul Kelley, Lincoln Park, Richard Yoakley, Shannondale, Sterchi, Whittle Springs

#### District 3: Daniel Watson

Bearden Schools, Cedar Bluff Schools, Ridgedale, West Haven

#### District 4 : Virginia Babb

Bearden ES, KAEC, Northshore, Pond Gap, Rocky Hill, Sequoyah, West, West Hills

#### District 5: Susan Horn

A.L. Lotts, Blue Grass, Farragut Schools, West Valley

#### District 6: OPEN SEAT

Amherst, Ball Camp, Byington-Solway Technology Center, Hardin Valley Schools, Karns Schools, NWMS, Norwood, Pleasant Ridge

#### District 7: Patti Lou Bounds

Adrian Burnett, Brickey-McCloud, Copper Ridge, Halls Schools, North Knox Vocational, Powell Schools

#### District 8: Mike McMillan

Career Magnet, Carter Schools, Corryton, East Knox, Gibbs Schools, Ritta, Sunnyview

#### District 9: Kristi Kristy

Bonny Kate, Dogwood, Gap Creek, Mooreland Heights, Mount Olive, New Hopewell, South-Doyle Schools, South Knoxville



### Questions, Answers , Resources:

It can ALL be found on the Tennessee Education Association (TEA) website at [teateachers.org](https://teateachers.org); the third box on the top of the page.





# Calendar of Events

August 24	KCEA Representative Assembly @ 4:30 PM (Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month-virtually)
September 2	School Board Work Session @ 5:00 PM
September 7	Labor Day Holiday: KCEA Office is closed
September 9	School Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM
September 14	KCEA Executive Board @ 4:30 PM (Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month)
September 19	TUEAC Meeting (virtually)
September 28	KCEA RA @ 4:30 PM
September 30	KCS BOE Work Session @ 5:00 PM
October 7	KCS BOE Meeting @ 5:00 PM
October 9	End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 wks Grading Period
October 13-16	KCS FALL BREAK: KCEA Office is closed
October 19	KCEA Executive Board @ 4:30 PM
October 26	KCEA RA @ 4:30 PM
October 28	KCEA BOE Quarterly Meeting @ 5:00 PM
November 3	KCS System-Wide In-Service Day
November 4	KCS BOE Work Session @ 5:00 PM
November 6-7	PTA Teacher Supply Depot Shopping Days
November 9	KCEA Executive Board Meeting @ 4:30 PM
November 11	KCS BOE Meeting @ 5:00 PM
November 23	KCEA RA @ 4:30 PM
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday: KCEA Office is closed
December 2	KCS BOE Work Session @ 5:00 PM
December 9	KCS BOE Meeting @ 5:00 PM
December 14	KCEA Executive Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM



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**Meetings:**

**4th Thursday of Alternate Months Except November (3rd Thursday)**

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January	March	May
July	September	November

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