

**LWV Education Action Team  
Team member conference call agenda  
November 13, 6:30**

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Mary Kolek, Willie Taylor co leaders

**6:30 Welcome and Roll Call**

**Meeting goals and action items-**

**6:40-7**

**1. Consistent with recommendations from Regional Council training and Public Education**

**LAT meeting discussion:**

- **Develop consensus around 3 statewide action agenda items that can be conveyed to members, legislators, partner organizations and the public.**
  - **Proposed areas of focus for discussion-**
    1. **School Finance- Implications and effects of current inadequacies and inequities** (issues include: redirecting of funds away from traditional public schools resulting in inadequate staffing, resources and infrastructure ; resegregation and equity issues resulting from inadequate funding and directing of funds to charters, through vouchers; challenges in attracting a sufficient number of qualified teachers and principals to the teaching profession – including non- competitive salaries; implications of current Finance Reform Task Force)
    2. **Class size legislation-** Implications across levels including PK, K-12 and higher ed. Ability to provide students with world class, comprehensive education that prepares them for post-secondary study/work; availability of appropriate space to meet enrollment *and* evolving programmatic needs; workforce pipeline.
    3. **Legislative Advocacy-** Connection/collaboration with Gerrymandering/ fair elections LAT

*The LAT will also continue to work with local Leagues to support work on additional or alternate topics that are of significance to that League and its communities.*

- **Assess commitment of group for targeting spring as time for convening in regional teams to:** 1) develop a plan for promoting a grassroots advocacy approach to League issues (especially public education) 2) participate in training around action based advocacy 3) finalize a strategy for advocacy and action going into 2018

**7-7:15**

**2. Local League- Updates about actions, programs, publications- requests for assistance?**

- School Finance Reform Committee – Mary Klenz
- Event Planning and invitations- ODC, P-T
- Other (Let us know if there is something you want to discuss or make others aware)

**7:15-7:30**

**3. Identify ways the ED LAT can provide information and education resources to local leagues.**

- Webinars- Early Childhood. Other topics?
- Webpage postings
- Invitations and Alerts
- Partnering – See template for partner letter

Tennessee position on Vouchers