

# Heath launches comeback bid for Kentucky House seat

MAYFIELD — Former State Rep. Richard Heath aims to retake his former seat in the general assembly, filing to run in the House District 2 Republican primary in 2026.

Heath previously served as District 2 representative from 2012 to 2025, before he was defeated in the 2024 primary by now-incumbent Rep. Kim Holloway. Holloway has also filed to run in 2026. The district includes Graves County and part of McCracken County.

In a news release announcing his candidacy, Heath said the decision to run came after a lot of careful consideration.

“I have prayed a lot about this, and as a firm believer in the political ideology that you run for office for one of two reasons, to make noise or make a difference,” Heath said. I am running to make a positive difference.”

Heath said during his previous tenure as District 2 representative he worked to remove “overly burdensome” regulations, including sponsoring legislation that legalized home-based food products, allowing people to sell foods they baked in their homes. Heath said he also led an effort to



Richard Heath (right) has filed to run for Kentucky District 2 representative. Heath is pictured with his wife, Ruth Heath, and Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams.

begin the legislative process to allow Murray State University to create a veterinary school and worked with then-Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles to “secure a 10% tolerance for trucks carrying poultry, livestock, and other farm products on state roads.”

The former lawmaker from Mayfield said there are two accomplishments he is the proudest of from his time in office.

The first is his work to secure “more than \$30 million in federal relief and an additional \$54 million in direct state funding for the redevelopment of city and county government buildings after the deadly 2021 tornados.” The second is playing a role in passing legislation that created the process to reduce and eventually eliminate personal income tax in Kentucky.

In addition to his time in office, Heath is a former educator, farmer, co-op manager and building contracting company owner. In the community, he said he has been active in the Graves County Chamber of Commerce, Graves County Rotary, Associated General Contractors, National Rifle Association, Homebuilders Association and the National Frame Building Association.

# State Sen. Carroll launches reelection campaign

Republican State Sen. Danny Carroll of Paducah officially announced his candidacy to run for re-election Wednesday, hoping to continue his decadelong career representing Senate District 2.

Kentucky’s 2nd Senate District includes McCracken, Ballard, Carlisle, Livingston and Marshall counties.

“Serving the people of Western Kentucky in the State Senate has been the honor of my lifetime,” Carroll said in a news release announcing his campaign. “I’ve seen some remarkable progress take hold in our region. We’re creating jobs, lowering taxes, and right now we’re positioning our region as a leader in advanced nuclear energy and manufacturing. But the work is never finished, and I’m asking voters for their continued trust to keep fighting for the priorities that matter most to our communities.”

Highlighting his record on nuclear energy development in Kentucky, Carroll said he championed bills including a 2017 measure that lifted the state’s moratorium on nuclear energy, a 2023 resolution that established the nuclear energy working group, a 2024 measure that



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established the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority, a 2024 resolution directing the Public Service Commission to make all necessary preparations to advance nuclear energy in Kentucky and a 2025 measure that established a KNEDA grant program for projects that advance the nuclear sector.

Other key issues Carroll said he’s advocated for include child care and

education, law enforcement, nuclear energy, economic development and fiscal responsibility. If reelected, he said he will continue to focus on those issues, as well as “conservative values.”

“Western Kentucky is experiencing extraordinary growth,” Carroll said in the news release. “From nuclear energy development to advanced manufacturing, we’re proving that amazing things can happen when government gets out of the way and empowers people to succeed. I’m running for reelection to ensure we handle these new opportunities with care and keep the focus squarely on how this will benefit our local families who need to put food on the table. We’re going to create an even brighter future for our children and grandchildren.”

Carroll is currently the chairman of the Senate Families and Children Committee and serves on several other committees, panels and boards, the full list of which can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/54sz27tt>.

Election Day for next year’s primary is May 19, 2026. The general election is to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

# McCracken County School Board meeting scheduled for today

The McCracken County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in its office on Cumberland Avenue.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**RECOGNITIONS**

• Staff Recognition — Teacher Spotlight  
• Student Recognition — McCracken County High School Mustangs Women’s Soccer Team

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

**I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**II. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**III. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**IV. OTHER REPORTS**

• Attendance  
• Technology — CIPA compliance

• Construction update

• Superintendent

**V. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDED ACTION**

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Submission of the HPS Members First Grant Program for Food Service Equipment

2. District Technology Plan

3. McCracken County Board of Education Procedures Manual Update

4. Facility Usage Agreement between Fox Fitness, LLC (Paducah Athletic Club) and McCracken County High School

5. Approval of Contract with Vanderbilt University to Provide Hospital Instruction

6. Agreement with Lowdenback Consulting

7. Credit Applications

8. Request for Use of School Property

9. Superintendent and Treasurer Financial Reports

10. Educational Field Trips

11. Leave of Absence

B. Approval of the Submission of the Economic Development Administration Grant Request for Application through the Purchase Area District Development (PADD) on behalf of McCracken County Public Schools

C. School Calendar for 2026-2027

D. McCracken County Board of Education Policy Revision

E. Memorandum of Understanding between McCracken County Board of Education and NextMax, Inc. for Mustang Madness 2026

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## THE LINEUP

TODAY	Sale, 4-7 p.m., Paducah Downtown Farmers Market, 306 North 2nd St., Paducah. McCracken County Public Library, Carols in the Garden, 5-6 p.m., Library Garden. Information: 270-442-2510.	published the day before and the day of the event. Information: 270-575-8678.
Graves County Public Library, 10 a.m., Story Hour. Information: 270-247-2911.		
Mat Yoga with Suzi Renaud, 11 a.m., Paducah Parks and Recreation Center, 1527 Martin Luther King Drive. Call 270-444-8508 to reserve space. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	Items for the Lineup must be received by email to <a href="mailto:news@paducahsun.com">news@paducahsun.com</a> five days in advance. Put “The Lineup” in the subject line.	
Paducah Bridge Club, games meeting, noon, 1723 Kentucky Ave. Call 270-564-2823 for information.		
Al-Anon (for friends and families of alcoholics), noon, Brown Street Club, 1397 Irvin Cobb Drive, Paducah. Information: 270-210-0192.	Include the name, location, physical address, date and time of the event, one-time or recurring event, along with phone number and name for contact information. Announcements are	
Knights of Columbus #1055 Christmas Tree		

## AGENDA

The Agenda is a listing of government meetings today.

- Lyon Fiscal Court — 1 p.m., courthouse.
- Murray City Council — 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

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		CLOSE	PVS.	CHG	%YTD
FUELS	Crude Oil (bbl)	58.46	58.25	+0.21	-18.5
	Heating Oil (gal)	2.26	2.30	-0.04	-1.4
	Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.60	4.57	+0.02	+26.5
	Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-11.3
METALS		CLOSE	PVS.	CHG	%YTD
	Aluminum (ton)	2,804.50	2,796.25	+8.25	+11.2
	Copper (lb)	5.28	5.24	+0.04	+32.4
	Gold (oz)	4,196.40	4,206.70	-10.30	+59.6
	Platinum (oz)	1,641.80	1,695.10	-53.30	+83.6
	Silver (oz)	60.38	60.17	+0.21	+108.6
AGRICULTURE		CLOSE	PVS.	CHG	%YTD
	Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	551.50	550.00	+1.50	-16.9
	Cattle (lb)	2.27	2.27	+0.00	+18.4
	Coffee (lb)	3.94	3.96	-0.02	+25.7
	Corn (bu)	4.35	4.41	-0.06	-5.2
	Cotton (lb)	63.86	63.68	+0.18	-6.3
	Orange Juice (lb)	1.53	1.53	+0.00	-70.1
	Soybeans (bu)	10.91	10.87	+0.04	+9.3
	Wheat (bu)	5.31	5.36	-0.05	-3.7

