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**JANUARY ’24 NEWS NOTES**

**P.R. IDEA OF THE MONTH. CAUSE AND EFFECT. INEPT PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.** The concept of a public school board is unique among the nations. We elect members. While it is seldom openly discussed, there is a major problem. While some elected members are credible, good leaders, worthy, capable, honorable, thinkers, knowledgeable (etc., etc.), the common knowledge in Harrisburg circles is that:

w Collectively the group needs help as some are an embarrassment, some self-serving, some big headed, some personal agenda driven, some “problem children,” some lazy, some know-it-alls, some lacking thinking skills (etc., etc., and some are likely labeled with unkind terms),

w There is a significant turnover among those elected or appointed,

w There is a high rate of declining to complete a first term or serve another term, and

w Few are trained in education-related matters or have an understanding of school law.

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**SUMMARY OF MAIL DISTRIBUTED FROM STATE GOVERNMENT.** Consider two:

Attendance Report Computer Error. Each fall the state collects attendance numbers, and this is now accomplished through the PNPE system.

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School Safety Grants. State government has reworked how schools can access “safety” money for mental health and student safety.

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**SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT E-MAIL TRANSMISSIONS IN JANUARY:**

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**REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING 2024 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE.** We repeat what we articulated at the end of December.

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**2024 KCEA ALL-STATE CHOIR AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE.** Our select-voice high school choir enjoyed a musical treat by singing and recording in the Capitol Rotunda on Friday, November 17. Contact the KCEA office to purchase a copy at $10.60 each to cover copyright and sales tax fees. One might desire a recording for personal enjoyment or to illustrate to high school students what a group of their peers can sound like. Terrific! Inspiring!

**KCEA BUSINESS AT A GLANCE.** Here is a summary of the discussions at the most recent KCEA Board meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2024, at the KCEA office at Harrisburg. The meeting covered about five and a half hours, including lunch.

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