



**KENTUCKY STATE
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A MESSAGE FROM REGENT TAMMI DUKES, CHAIR OF THE KSU BOARD OF REGENTS

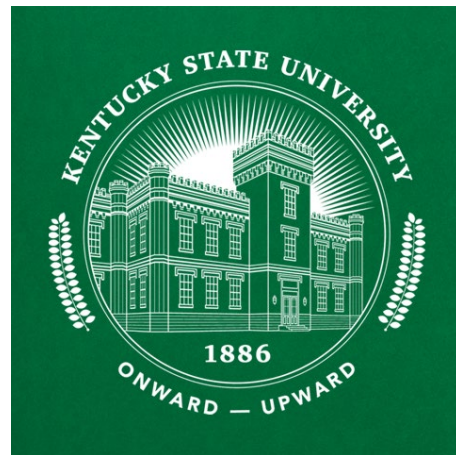
Dear Kentucky State University Alumni and Supporters,

As a proud member of the Class of 1992 and the current Chair of the Kentucky State University (KSU) Board of Regents, it is with a heavy heart that I advise you of the action taken concerning the KSU Foundation, Inc.

In 1968, the Kentucky State University Board of Regents established what is now the KSU Foundation, Inc. From then until 1989, the Board of Regents appointed the members of the Board of Trustees of the KSU Foundation, Inc. That same year, the Board of Regents disaffiliated with the KSU Foundation, Inc. and agreed that all donations and funds deposited at the KSU Foundation, Inc. shall be "exclusively for the benefit of Kentucky State University."

The Foundation has played a crucial role in supporting Kentucky State University's students and mission. Donors entrusted their funds to the Foundation with the expectation that they would be utilized for the betterment of our beloved institution. However, recent events have cast a shadow of doubt on the transparency and stewardship of these funds.

Despite continuous efforts by the Board of Regents to work collaboratively with the KSU Foundation, Inc., we have faced challenges in obtaining confirmation of deposits made by agents of KSU and donors into the appropriate accounts since April 2022. Despite the



University's repeated and written requests for records, and invitations from the Board of Regents, to participate in committee meetings to foster open dialogue, the Foundation has chosen to pursue legal action to keep their records hidden from the public and, presumably, our institution. In addition, when information was sought, the Foundation responded that funds "may be used for the benefit of Kentucky State University or any other educational entity."

The Board of Regents cannot remain idle as the Foundation continues to spend funds fighting a lawsuit to prevent the disclosure of their records. Therefore, after much deliberation, the KSU Board of Regents has taken decisive action to freeze our relationship with the KSU Foundation, Inc.

Effective immediately, all accounts held at the Foundation established by Kentucky State University, and all accounts established for the benefit of Kentucky State University, shall cease any and all expenditures. No funds shall be deposited to the Foundation, and no disbursements shall be authorized without the written approval of the President of KSU, until the Foundation provides all requested documentation and trust is restored in the integrity of the accounts established for the benefit of our students and the mission of Kentucky State University.

It is my sincere hope that this situation can be resolved swiftly and amicably. We call upon the KSU Foundation, Inc. to cease their lawsuit and cooperate fully with our requests for transparency. The records requested by the Board of Regents are the receipts of how funds were spent on behalf of Kentucky State University; as of today, a complete accounting of spending has not been received. The funds we have entrusted to the Foundation are critical to the long-term success of Kentucky State University and it is imperative that they are managed with the utmost care, integrity and openness.

Since the 1990s, Kentucky State University has managed and continues to operate its own Endowment that, as of March 31, 2024, has a market value of \$22,345,626.97. As of June 30, 2022, which was the last update the University received from the Foundation, net assets were valued at \$12,273,927.

To our loyal alumni and supporters, I urge you to continue your unwavering support for Kentucky State University and its students. Until this is resolved, any funds intended for our institution should be directed solely to Kentucky State University at the address listed below, where they will be utilized to further our mission of academic excellence and student success.

Kentucky State University

Attn. Institutional Advancement

400 East Main St.

Frankfort, KY 40601

We will keep you updated on any developments and we remain hopeful for a resolution that allows us to rebuild our partnership with the Foundation. However, if the Foundation continues to refuse to align with our mission of solely supporting Kentucky State University's students and programs, as well as continues with the obstruction of transparency of funds to benefit said students with their lawsuit, we will be prepared to dissolve our relationship with the Foundation and request an immediate transfer of all funds to Kentucky State University. Should that occur, all donor restrictions and intent will be honored in the promotion and disbursement of funds by KSU.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Kentucky State University. Together, we will overcome this challenge and emerge stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Tammi Dukes

Class of 1992

Chair, KSU Board of Regents