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Welcome to the KDP Weekly Rundown – the Kansas Democratic Party’s update of the biggest things going on in the state party and the state capital. What are we focused on this week? Training candidates, the 2020 caucus, and more!

LET'S GO LOCAL TRAININGS

- ***What's happening?***

Our Let's Go Local campaign is in full swing. We understand that some of the most important work we do in politics happens at the local level, so we've traveled all over the state to train folks on how to get involved in 2019. Over the past month, we've held sessions in Wichita, Pittsburg, Merriam, and Topeka. We even made the [nightly news](#) in Pittsburg! We're headed to [Dodge City](#) for this weekend's training and will be in [Great Bend](#) and [Hays](#) in the next few weeks.

2020 PARTY-RUN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

- ***What's happening?***

We released our draft Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention earlier this month. We've made some changes to our presidential nominating process. Folks will be able to either vote in advance via mail or cast a ballot at an in-person voting center on May 2, 2020. These changes will encourage greater participation and make the presidential primary more accessible for voters. You can review the plan and provide feedback at KansasDems.org/2020Primary. We're accepting public feedback until June 1.

COURT OF APPEALS

- ***What's happening?***

The Supreme Court ruled last week that state law did not allow Jeffrey Jack to withdraw his nomination to the Kansas Court of Appeals. Jack attempted to withdraw his nomination after several partisan tweets came to life. Instead, the state senate was required to either reject the Jack nomination or allow him to be automatically confirmed to the court. The state senate voted [0-38](#) to reject the nomination on Tuesday. Gov. Laura Kelly then formally nominated Lenexa attorney Sarah Warner to fill the vacancy.

• **Where can I learn more?**

- [Kansas Senate rejects Twitter-damaged nominee for Court of Appeals.](#) *Topeka Capital-Journal*, May 14, 2019.
- [Kansas Senate votes to keep tweeting judge off court at \\$16K cost to taxpayers.](#) *Wichita Eagle*, May 14, 2019.
- [Gov. Laura Kelly submits new appointee for Kansas Court of Appeals.](#) *Associated Press*, May 14, 2019.

Onward,

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