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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? A visit from the DNC Chair, the end of the legislative session and more!

DNC CHAIR TO VISIT KANSAS CITY

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

The Missouri-Kansas Women’s Leadership Forum will host an evening with DNC Chair and former Secretary of Labor Tom Perez on Wednesday, June 12 at the Unity Temple on the Plaza. Attendees will get first-hand insights on the work the DNC is doing now to win in 2020. Chairman Perez will also report on the DNC’s investments in boots-on-the-ground initiatives, voter protection, critical tech and data infrastructure upgrades, expanding the electorate and strengthening state parties. The event starts at 5pm and is free to attend, although an [RSVP](#) is required.

KFDW 2019 CONVENTION

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

The 66th Annual Kansas Federation of Democratic Women Convention will be held June 21-23rd in Olathe. The convention will host workshops and panels that cover running for office, leadership strategies, and how to become a more effective activist. The keynote speaker will be Rep. Sharice Davids. More information and tickets can be found on the [KFDW website](#).

LET'S GO LOCAL TRAININGS

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

The KDP is hosting its final two Let’s Go Local trainings this weekend. We’ll be in [Great Bend](#) on Saturday and [Hays](#) on Sunday. [Click here to sign up for a session](#). We’ve hosted trainings all over the state this year to prepare candidates and activists for the 2019 and 2020 election cycles.

LAST DAY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The state legislature met on Wednesday to wrap up business for the 2019 session. While this is normally a ceremonial day, efforts were made to pass some substantive policy this

year. Republicans failed to override Gov. Kelly's veto of the proposed GOP-tax scam to give tax cuts to multinational corporations ([HB 2033](#)). Lawmakers did overturn the Governor's line item veto of a \$51 million unscheduled payment to the state pension system ([SB 25](#)). The state senate voted [37-1](#) to appoint Johnson County attorney Sarah Warner to the Kansas Court of Appeals. Finally, Medicaid expansion protestors delayed state senate business for 30 minutes while they demanded a debate on expansion. Journalists were escorted out of the chamber while the protestors were removed. The legislature is now adjourned until Jan. 13, 2020.

• **Where can I learn more?**

- [Kansas Legislature reaches chaotic finish amid protests, first veto override of Kelly.](#) *Wichita Eagle*, May 29, 2019.
- [Kansas lawmakers settle fiscal issues amid Medicaid protest.](#) *Associated Press*, May 29, 2019.
- [Kansas lawmakers overturn governor's veto, restoring KPERs funding.](#) *Topeka Capital Journal*, May 29, 2019.
- [Kansas Senate affirms Court of Appeals nominee, sends signal to Supreme Court.](#) *Topeka Capital Journal*, May 29, 2019.

STATE FLOODING

• **What's happening?**

Gov. Kelly has requested a federal emergency declaration from President Trump to address widespread flooding throughout the state. The request comes after Gov. Kelly toured flooded areas across the state and declared a state of emergency in 49 different counties. These measures were taken before Tuesday's tornado, likely increasing the demand for funding.

• **Where can I learn more?**

- [Amid disaster-level flooding in Kansas, governor asks Trump for emergency declaration.](#) *Wichita Eagle*, May 27, 2019.
- [Kansas, Missouri governors activate National Guards, request help for major flooding.](#) *Kansas City Star*, May 27, 2019.

Onward,

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