

# KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

Yesterday was a sad day for everyone in the Commonwealth. We mourn the loss of the two students from Marshall County High School killed in a tragic



way. Please keep the other 19 wounded students, their families, and the Benton community in your thoughts and prayers during the days ahead. Please join me in using the social media

#MarshallCountyStrong to help show support for our brothers and sisters in that community. Resources for educators and community members who might need help coping with a tragedy like this can find them on our website [here](#).

## PENSION NEWS

A pension reform bill has yet to be introduced by the House or Senate.

## BUDGET NEWS:

A recording of Monday night's Tele Town Hall on the Governor's Proposed Budget can be found [here](#). On Tuesday, the House and Senate A & R Committees introduced the Budget bills 200-207 to their members.

## Bill Watch

The House Education Committee met on Tuesday and passed the following bills out of committee:

**HB 30-** (Rep. Huff) **KEA SUPPORT** This bill requires school staff to be given 2 hours of in-person suicide prevention training every other year.

**HB 55-** (Rep. Tipton) **KEA TRACK** This bill requires physical and health education instruction in drug abuse prevention and the connection between abuse and addiction to other drugs; require the Office of Drug Control Policy to develop recommendations for the instruction in drug abuse prevention to be published on the Web site of the Department of

Education.

**[HB 132](#)**- (Rep. DuPlessis) **KEA TRACK** This bill requires a financial literacy course as a high school graduation requirement; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the financial literacy course; direct the Department of Education to develop curricula, materials, and guidelines which may be used by schools for the financial literacy course.

**[HB 143](#)**- (Rep. Bentley) **KEA TRACK** This bill requires the Kentucky Department of Education to establish a School Safety and Crisis Line; establish the operations of the School Safety and Crisis Line.

**[HB 147](#)**- (Rep. Hart) **KEA OPPOSE** This bill would amend KRS 159.832 to apply defined terms through KRS 158.838 and define "seizure action plan"; amend KRS 158.838 to include any medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms; require seizure disorder trainings to comply with Epilepsy Foundation of America guidelines; require parent or guardian of student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan; require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations regarding contents and development of seizure action plans; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require every public school to provide a seizure education program; require Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations for development and implementation of the seizure education program; amend KRS 158.070 to require a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials annually for all principals, guidance counselors, and teachers; provide that the Act may be cited as the Lindsey Crunk Act.

Looking for an easy way to keep track of the status of bills filed? Want to know the daily schedule of what's happening at the Capitol? Do you want to be able to watch the House and Senate proceeding live? Then these websites should be bookmarked as favorites, or made as apps on your phone:

<http://www.kea.org/issues-action> , [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and <https://www.ket.org/legislature/> . These three sites are very helpful in keeping track of what's going on in Frankfort and is updated every 24 hours.

Please consider taking time during the 2018

Legislative Session to visit your legislators and talk to them personally about how you feel about pensions, public education and public service. If you want to know more about how you can arrange to visit legislators please contact your local president or local KEA Staff.

We must continue to let legislators know that we are paying attention. Please call your legislator at **1-800-372-7181!** Remember that snow days are the perfect opportunity to join us at the Capitol! KEA's team of lobbyists will be there every day and we love having company. Please make plans to attend your Day of Learning and join us on days when school is canceled due to weather if at all possible to do so safely.

### Dates to Remember:



- Jan. 26**      Deadline for KEA Student Program  
Marvin Dodson Scholarship
- Feb. 10**      **NEW DEADLINE-** for submission of  
#DIFFERENCEMAKERS Student Art  
Contest entries
- Feb. 16**      Deadline for KEA Teacher and ESP of  
the Year Nominations

Sincerely,

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