

KEA President's Points

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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

We unite, organize and empower members to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

Dear Member,

The last week has been full of activity by many KEA members. We had a record number of folks that traveled to Frankfort. On Wednesday and Thursday we held rallies outside the Capitol Annex and received local, state, and even national media attention. The members of the House and Senate Conference Committee were appointed to hash out a final version of a state budget. You can find a list of the committee members [here](#). They met today to review the items they agreed upon and the ones that they want to continue to discuss. The group also went through [HB 366](#), the revenue bill. We expect this committee to meet again on Monday, March 26th.

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I also want to address some rumors going around social media and email threads about KEA activities. It is KEA's position that we welcome anyone that wants to join our efforts to fight for the protection of our public schools. This includes members of other organizations. We have to be united in our efforts to fight for our students and our public schools. There is no truth to anyone being forced, or threatened who participates in our events. Many diverse groups have sponsored events around the pension and state funding goals. It doesn't do any of us any good to expend energy on being divisive or dismissive. Let's support each other in this great time of need and not tear each other down. Let's keep in mind our state motto, "United we stand, divided we fall."

PENSION NEWS

The Senate State and Local Government Committee plans to meet next Tuesday, March 27th. The agenda for this meeting does not include SB 1. This is good news! We continue to advocate for new revenue streams to fully fund our pension systems.

BILL WATCH

Education Committee Update:

The House and Senate Education Committee met on multiple days this week. For an update of education bills we watch, you can access our tracking report [here](#).

Call to Action!



Please make sure to contact your House and Senate members about the following [KEA budget priorities](#). You can call the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-1781.

Dates to Remember:



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| Mar. 31 | NEA RA Voting ends online |
| Apr. 4-6 | KEA Delegate Assembly, Louisville |
| Apr. 16 | Tax Day- Don't forget to deduct your KEA dues! |

Sincerely,

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