

# KEA President's Points

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

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Dear Member,  
The weather is certainly unpredictable under normal circumstances, but over this week and next, we look to be headed for a fight with Mother Nature. East Kentucky and the eastern coast of the US will need lots of support and help with clean up in the days and weeks ahead. As our colleagues here at home and beyond grapple with hurricanes and flooding, please keep our fellow public-school students and employees in your thoughts and prayers.



## AG/KEA/FOP to be heard by KY Supreme Court

Next week, the KY Supreme Court will hear our case on the constitutionality of SB 151 (aka "the sewer bill"). This is a historic event because only one other KY Supreme Court case has ever been televised live statewide. Please use this as a learning opportunity for students in your classrooms. KET has agreed to televise this hearing via television as well as online.

KEA will give live updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages as information becomes available. Please remember that if you plan to attend you must use a personal day for such an event. Seating is limited to only 140 seats in the courtroom. The proceedings will begin at 10 am ET and professional dress in the courtroom is expected.

## KEA Offers Read Across America Grants



Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Although March 2 is officially designated as "Read Across America Day," Read Across America events can occur on any date because

motivating children to read throughout the year is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Each year, KEA budgets funds to support Read Across America events sponsored by KEA districts or KEA locals. In addition to the primary purpose of promoting child literacy, KEA will judge grant requests based on the following criteria: the degree to which the activity includes participation by multiple categories of KEA membership and encourages cooperation among Active, Retired and Student members; developing strong KEA locals; the number of

children expected to participate; the level of publicity and community outreach expected; and other criteria that may be established by KEA's Read Across America committee. KEA district associations, KEA-SP chapters or KEA-R applicants are eligible for only one award per year with the maximum grant amount of \$500 per year. To apply click [here](#).

### KASC Offers Conference "What Great Schools Do Differently!"

The Kentucky Association of School Councils is offering some great professional development at their next conference. Those interested in attending can check out registration information [here](#).

### Save the Date



Sept. 17	KEA Read Across America Grants Due
Sept. 20	KY Supreme Court- Hears KEA Lawsuit on SB 151 at 10 am ET

Sincerely,

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