

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,
KEA continues to monitor and speak out on the topic of public school employee defined benefit pensions. Conversations with stakeholder groups and legislators are happening consistently. During these conversations, many different ideas are being discussed.

To help us better advocate for you, I want you and other KEA members to [complete a survey](#) about our pension systems. This survey is appropriate for all categories of KEA membership, aspiring, active (certified and classified), and retirees. Please pass this on to other members. The survey will be open until this Friday, February 1, 2019. [Please note this survey is not intended to ask about proposed changes, but rather to simply gauge interest in topics related to pensions.](#)

Public Pensions Working Group Continues Meetings

Last Thursday's agenda included a presentation by KEA, KASS, KASA, KSBA, and KRTA. This week KERS will be presenting their plans, including CERS-NH (classified school employee plan).

Members and information pertaining to the Public Pensions Working Group can be found [here](#).

The legislature does not go back until Feb. 5, 2019. In the meantime, if you can attend any of the Pension Group meetings on Tuesday or Thursdays please do! We should all be informed about our pension system and discussions about how we as state employees may be impacted by this group's decisions in the future.

SB 1 has hearing in Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee, chaired by Senator Max Wise, met yesterday to discuss [SB 1](#). This legislation is intended to address both physical school facility safety measures, and support for mental/physical health of students in schools. Please read this bill and provide feedback to your Senator. It is important that we all weigh in on this issue that is so important to our students and colleagues.

KEA is allowed ONE Administrator Delegate to the NEA RA this summer

KEA will be taking nominations for ONE Administrator position to attend the NEA Representative Assembly in Houston TX this summer. Any KEA member that is identified as an administrator in a Kentucky public schools is eligible to be nominated. Self-nominations are also accepted. Deadline to nominate an administrator member is Friday, Feb. 22, 2019 at 5pm ET. For nomination information please click [here](#).

Do you know an outstanding teacher or ESP member that deserves recognition?

Nominate yourself or a colleague to apply for the KEA Teacher or ESP of the Year for award year 2020. Nominees for these two awards need to fill out an application and return to KEA by Feb 15, 2019. Both the Teacher and ESP of the year will be recognized at the 2019 KEA Delegate Assembly and will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Finalists will then be nominated for the NEA award in the same category as KEA's official nominee. For more information on application information please click [here](#).

NEA surveys members

The NEA, in partnership with the Labor and Worklife Program at the Harvard Law School, has engaged the strategy and research firm, **Entangled Solutions**, to conduct a series of member interviews. These interviews will help us better understand labor organization membership and, ultimately, to better understand the role of labor organizations in public education in the future. The Entangled Solutions consultants are emailing members we have identified based on past union involvement and asking them to answer 5 short questions to narrow down a smaller group of individuals for in depth interviews. This is to let you know that if members receive an email from this group that this is legitimate and should feel free to answer.

Save the Date



Feb. 5	Legislature back in session
Feb. 15	Deadline to submit nominations for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year
Feb. 18	President's Day
Feb. 22	Deadline to submit Administrator RA Delegate Nominations

Sincerely,
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