

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful winter break with lots of opportunity to celebrate, spend time with family and rejuvenate for the second half of the year.

The 2020 Kentucky General Assembly begins tomorrow, Tuesday, January 7th. This is a "long" session which will run for 60 legislative days. President's Points during the session will be moving to Mondays, which gives us the opportunity to recap the previous week's events and preview the coming week.

As with past legislative sessions, there are many pre-filed bills that impact public education in Kentucky. Official bill numbers have not yet been assigned. However, the KEA lobby team has reviewed all pre-filed bills and will be actively watching as new bills--including the budget bill--progress through the session. The team will need your help throughout the session and will let you know when pending legislation needs immediate action. In the meantime, remember that you are the experts and you are the best advocates for Kentucky students and public education! Please take the opportunity to be involved.

Thank you for all you do and all that you will do for students, for your colleagues, and for your schools. Have a great week! **Reminder: Presidents' Points will be sent on Mondays during the legislative session.**

Be Informed - Be Active - Be Involved

Here are few ways you can keep track of pending legislation and be involved during the session:

- Sign up for **Legislative Action Text Alerts** by sending a text to 67076 and in the message line type "KEA Action Alert."
- "Like" the [Kentucky Education Association](#) Facebook page.
- Follow us on Twitter [@KYEducators](#).
- Sign up for your KEA District's **Day of Learning**. Contact your local KEA office for dates and details. The Days of Learning give educators an opportunity to travel to Frankfort, attend Senate and House Education Committee hearings and meet with legislators.
- Choose a day for your local to wear **RED for Ed** from now until the end of the session in April. Take pictures and send them to us to post on social media. Why **RED?** **R** - (Republicans) **E** - (Education) **D** - (Democrats). Public education is not a partisan issue and we want all

members of the House and Senate focused on what is best for our students, our profession and public schools!

- Use [#EmpoweredEducator](#) and [#lovekypublicschools](#) in all your social media posts.
- Save the Legislative Hotline number in your phone: 1-800 - 372 - 7181.
- Contact your Representative and Senator on a regular basis - to find your legislator [click here](#).

On the Hill

For a complete schedule of weekly activities, pending bills, and committee schedules and agendas, [click here](#) to visit the LRC website.

Here are some important dates to remember for this session:

January 7th - First Day of session

February 21st - Last day for bill request

March 1st - Last day for new bills in the house

March 2nd - Last day for new bills in the senate

March 31st - April 1st - Concurrence Days

April 2nd - 13th - Veto period

April 15th - Sine Die (Last day of session)

2020 NEA Representative Assembly Delegate Nominations

The 2020 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2 to 6. Any active member of KEA (teacher or ESP) is eligible to run as a state delegate and may self-nominate by completing and submitting the [NEA Representative Assembly Delegate Nomination form at this link](#).

Forms must be submitted to KEA by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Forms may be emailed to CCC@kea.org, faxed to 502-227-9002, or mailed to KEA, 401 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. No other means of submission will be allowed. All forms, even those submitted by regular mail, must be received by the deadline. Late nomination forms will not be accepted.

[Statewide delegates are elected regionally](#); the region in which you are elected and in which you can vote is based on the county in which you work. The election for statewide delegates to the NEA RA will be held during the month of March. For more information about being an NEA Representative Assembly delegate [click here](#).

KEA Statewide Officer Elections

Delegates at the 2020 KEA Delegate Assembly will be electing three statewide officers. Any eligible KEA member may be nominated for the open seats. The officers to be elected this year are:

- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 1)** - Term begins July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023
- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 2)** - Unexpired term begins on date of election and ends

June 30, 2021

- **KEA State Director to the NEA Board (Seat 1)*** - Term begins September 1, 2020 and ends August 31, 2023.

*Note that all candidates must have been a member of KEA/NEA for two years immediately preceding the election.

KEA members who are interested in running should complete the [candidate filing form at this link](#) and email the form to CCC@kea.org. Deadline to declare for these offices is 5:00 p.m. (EST), January 15, 2020.

Save the Date



January 7	2020 legislative session begins
January 15	Nominations for statewide KEA offices and proposed constitutional amendments for the 2020 Delegate Assembly due by 5 p.m. (EST)
January 15	NEA RA nominations due by 5 p.m. (EST)
January 18	KEA District Presidents Meeting
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25	KEA Fellows Meeting

Sincerely,

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