

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

Last week, Gov. Bevin and the Labor Cabinet issued subpoenas to several of the school districts that called off school during the 2018 Legislative Session. Most of the information requested by these subpoenas is the same information that was already provided to Commissioner Lewis. Since KEA was not subpoenaed as an organization, we don't have any legal standing to challenge the subpoenas themselves.

Please be certain that if any adverse action is taken against a KEA member by the Labor Cabinet or any other entity, we will certainly take appropriate action on behalf of the individual member. If a member has concerns about this or other employment issues, they should feel free to contact their [local KEA office](#).

Yesterday, Attorney General Beshear issued [the following letter](#) to the governor asking him to rescind these subpoenas. Please join me in thanking [the Attorney General](#) for his statements in support of our constitutional rights to assemble and free speech. [#Red4Rights](#)

We will keep you updated if any other significant events occur around this issue.

KDE Standards Rollout Webcast Series Begins April 18

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will provide a series of webcasts on the implementation of newly adopted standards geared toward district and school leaders. All webcasts will occur 9 a.m. EDT Thursdays.

You can access the webcast live from the [KDE Media Portal Live Stream page](#) and submit questions using [GoSoapBox](#) with the **access code: OTL**.

If you cannot participate live, the webcasts will be archived in the [KDE EdCast archives](#). For questions please contact the KDE Standards team.

Schedule:

- April 18: KAS Rollout Planning Through Teams and PLCs
- April 25: Professional Learning Modules for Newly Revised Reading and Writing Standards
- May 2: Professional Learning Modules for Newly Revised Mathematics Standards
- May 9: Standards for Mathematical Practices
- May 16: Architecture of Newly Revised Social Studies Standards
- May 23: Interdisciplinary Literacy Practices
- May 30: Alignment Considerations: Curricula, Assignments, Common Assessments

TRS holds first-ever online election for Board of Trustees

Anyone that pays into the Teacher Retirement System of Kentucky should try to find their member ID number and sign in to their Pathways account. Member ID's can be found on members' annual statements or by calling TRS at 1-800-618-1687.

If you have not yet created an account in Pathway you can do so by going to [Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System website](#). You will need your member ID to complete this step.

Once you have created a Pathway account, sign in and follow the steps included [here](#). KDE used to pay for this election process, but this has changed and now TRS must pick up the cost of this election.

Please use this [flyer](#) to help spread the word to your colleagues to vote online. This will help us save precious dollars for our pensions instead of for postage.

Those that choose not to vote online will receive a traditional paper ballot in the mail beginning in May.

NEA has discounts on #RedForEd swag

DKG Promotions is proud to provide bulk quantities of official imprinted [products for the NEA Red for Ed campaign](#). These items are useful for rallies, meetings, and other events. Use coupon code SPRINGBREAK2019 to get \$25 off your next order. [Expires 4/30/19.] All products are Union-made and Union-printed in the United States.

Save the Date



Apr 1-21	TRS Board of Trustees online election open
May 6 - 10	National Teacher Appreciation Week
Jun 8	RESPECT Conference, Lexington, KY (PD for classified employees)
June 18-19	Let's TALK Conference, Elizabethtown, KY

Sincerely,

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