

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:

This week your officer team (outgoing and incoming) and the KY NEA Directors will be in Washington D.C. lobbying on your behalf. Some of the topics we will address with KY Senators and Congressmen are Social Security Fairness, Voucher/Tax Credits, and school safety. Please feel free to reach out to us by email if you have thoughts you would like us to forward to our representatives in Washington. Please send those letters to keapresident@kea.org

NEA Strong Public Schools Poster Contest for Members

Casting a ballot ensures your voice as an educator gets heard. The NEA's Strong Public Schools poster contest provides a way for you to be seen, too.

The power of NEA comes from our members, and we try to lift your voices and your creativity every chance we get. So, for the 2020 election season, we're looking to you, NEA members--give us your best design ideas and yours may get chosen to be the face of our campaign this fall.

Every campaign season, NEA prints lots of materials to promote public education. Things like posters to wave at rallies and hang in classrooms, t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, etc. This is where you come in: Enter the NEA Strong Public Schools 2020 poster contest. [Click Here to Get Started](#)

Here's how it works: You create and submit your poster design by May 31. Then we'll select six finalists and your friends, family, and fellow NEA members will get to vote for their favorite design. The winning design will be printed on official NEA Strong Public Schools posters, t-shirts, and other campaign materials for the 2020 election season. PLUS, the winning designer will get...

- First place: \$2,500 cash prize and donation of \$500 in art supplies to the winner's school
- Second place: \$1,000 cash prize
- Third place: \$500 cash prize

[Click here for contest rules and how to enter NEA's Strong Public Schools 2020 poster contest.](#)

2019 NEA Conference on Racial and Social Justice

Your local school district or association may have funds available to help defray costs for this event. KEA has allotted funds for a certain number of members to attend and those have already been assigned.

The conference will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston,

TX 77010. The 2019 conference theme is: "Plug In, Connect, Recharge!"

We invite you to join other educators, students, parents and families, organizers and community members in a space designed to encourage collaboration, creativity and shared experiences.

Through interactive workshops, sessions, music, storytelling, and skill building, attendees will learn from and support each other, access information and resources, and develop plans and strategies to improve educational opportunities for communities of color, LGBTQ individuals and women in their schools and communities.

Register today! Early-bird (discounted) registration ends on May 3, 2019! Please be reminded that online registration for the 2019 Conference on Racial and Social Justice is now open. You can register [here](#). Questions can be sent to [Aisha Haynes, conference registrar](#).

Important dates:

- 2019 Conference on Racial and Social Justice - July 1-2
- 2019 Early Registration Deadline - May 3 (\$125)
- 2019 Registration Deadline - May 24 (\$150)
- Checks for registration must be postmarked no later than May 24

KEA Membership Drive in Full Swing

Join the movement!

We have members signing up like crazy all over Kentucky. Who can join? From Aspiring Educators in college, to ESP's to active teachers, and retirees!

Why are they joining? They know that KEA is the only organization looking out for and speaking out on behalf of public schools and the employees and families that depend on them.

KEA's spring membership drive allows any new member (that's never been a member before) to join now and pay NOTHING until the fall of 2019. New members can start using their member benefits right away!

Spread the word and join easily [online](#) or request a paper form from your local KEA office.

Join the movement- you won't be sorry!

Save the Date



May 6 - 10	National Teacher Appreciation Week
June 8	RESPECT Conference, Lexington, KY (PD for classified employees)
June 18-19	Let's TALK Conference, Elizabethtown, KY

Sincerely,

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