

# 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:

### Be an Empowered Educator! Have a plan to vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, just 27 days from today. We know some school districts are closed on Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 5, making it tempting to take a long weekend. But be sure to vote before you go! Anyone that will be away from their polling place on Election Day can vote via absentee ballot at their local county clerk's office. Contact your local County Clerk or check [here](#) for more information.



## [Call for Nominations, KEA Ethnic Minority Director Seat Vacancy](#)

There currently exists a vacancy for a KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large, which is one of two designated seats on the KEA Board of Directors. According to the KEA Constitution, a vacancy in a position held by an Ethnic Minority member shall be filled temporarily by the KEA Board of Directors until the next annual meeting of the Delegate Assembly, at which time a permanent Ethnic Minority representative shall be elected to complete the unexpired term.

This position will be elected by the KEA Board of Directors on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled KEA Board Meeting. Any KEA member who meets the criteria for Ethnic Minority Director may self-nominate by completing the [official form](#) and sending it to [CCC@kea.org](mailto:CCC@kea.org).

All nominations must be received at KEA by 5:00 p.m. eastern on Friday, November 15, 2019. Nominees who timely submit notice of their intent to run will be invited to speak to the KEA Board of Directors at the December meeting. Nominees should arrange to have a KEA Board member or other KEA member second the nomination.

## [Bullying Prevention Month - School Safety Week](#)

October is Bullying Prevention month. This is a great opportunity to involve students in creating a caring, nurturing and safe environment for learning. The Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) has a variety of resources for educators

on how to identify and prevent bullying. [Click here for KCSS lessons and resources.](#)

As part of Bullying Prevention month, School Safety Week will occur from October 20 - 27. This year KCSS focuses on the themes of Kindness, Unity and Empathy. Educators, students, parents and community members are encouraged to be involved during this week (and all year round) to ensure that Kentucky public schools are safe learning environments for all students.

KCSS encourages all Kentucky schools to take the opportunity during this month to promote positive behaviors and encourage social and emotional wellness by taking the Kentucky Safe Schools Week Pledge. [For more information and resources for School Safety week click here](#)

### Member Benefit - Music & Arts Classroom Grant

California Casualty has partnered with KEA for over 50 years and understands the importance of music and arts education for children. The California Casualty Music & Arts Grant was established to provide support for K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets. As a member of KEA, you can apply for a grant award of \$250 for a music or art need for your school. [For more information or to apply for the 2020 grant cycle, click here.](#)

### Kentucky Retired Teacher Appreciation Week October 21-25

October 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> is Kentucky Retired Teacher Appreciation Week. None of us would be in our positions today without a supportive educator. Take the time to reach out to a retired educator and thank them for their service to public education and dedication to their students and community.

### Save the Date



October 15	<a href="#">Ethnic Minority Scholarship Applications Due</a>
October 21-25	<a href="#">School Safety Week</a>
October 25	<a href="#">Perkins V Performance Goals Feedback/Comments Due</a> - email comments or feedback to <a href="mailto:octestinfo@education.ky.gov">octestinfo@education.ky.gov</a>
November 5	<b>ELECTION DAY!</b>
November 15	<a href="#">Last day for Nominations for KEA Ethnic Minority Director Vacancy</a>

Sincerely,

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