



KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

This week, February 24-28, is National Public Schools Week! Nine out of ten students across America attend a public school. Public Schools Week is a time of celebration, but is also a great opportunity to bring attention to critical issues being faced by our public schools, students and educators. Take time this week to use your "educator voice" to contact your representative and senator about the importance of fully funding Kentucky's public schools.

You may access resources like posters, pledge cards and social media posts [here](#) to use in the classroom or to just let others know you support public education!

We would also like to encourage you to take this opportunity to share your stories of the great work occurring in your public school. Please tag your social media with: #LoveMyKyPublicSchool and #PublicSchoolProud

Last Week on the Hill

Last week we welcomed members and staff from Fourth District and Fayette County to KEA headquarters and the Capitol for a Day of Learning. There are still several opportunities to participate in a KEA Day of Learning during this legislative session. Our ability to petition elected officials on behalf of our students, our professions, our districts, and our communities is essential in making sure public education moves forward in Kentucky.

KEA Days of Learning occur every Tuesday and Thursday. KEA welcomes all members to participate. For more information, contact your KEA District President or local UniServ office. Thank you for continuing to invest your time and energy into this impactful program.

House Education Committee-The House Education Committee did not meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 due to the President's Day holiday.

Senate Education Committee-The Senate Education also did not meet Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Wednesday, February 19, marked the half-way point of the 2020 legislative session. Please continue to contact your representative and senator by phone and email about the importance of fully funding public education. Your expertise, experience and stories resonate throughout the Capitol. Last but not least, I have had members emailing asking about the progress of the state budget. At this point, the House of Representatives continues to work on their version of the

2020-22 state budget, which should be released soon.

This Week in Frankfort

Today is Presidents Day and a General Assembly holiday. The General Assembly will reconvene on Tuesday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m. Due to the holiday, the House Standing Committee on Education will not meet on Tuesday. The General Assembly will reconvene today, Monday, February 24 at 4 p.m.

- Monday, February 24th: Public Pension Oversight Committee - 1:00 p.m. (EST), Annex 154
- Tuesday, February 25th: House Education Committee - 8:00 am (EST), Annex 154
- Wednesday, February 26th: Senate State & Local Government- Noon (EST), Annex Room 154
- Thursday, February 27th: Senate Education Committee- 11:30 a.m. (EST), Annex Room 149

To see KEA's position on specific education-related bills, please click [here](#). For more information and one pagers on KEA 2020 legislative issues, please click [here](#).

2020 Census - We Count

The U.S. Census is vitally important to the well-being of children and the strength of their public schools. Using census data, each year the federal government allocates tens of billions of dollars in education funds to states and localities using formulas that factor in population and poverty levels. An accurate census count is the critical first step to helping educators address the needs of every child who walks through their doors.

The census count happens only once every 10 years; when we under count young children, the consequences can last most of their childhood. [Click here for more information on the census and free resources for your school.](#) [Click here for more information from Kentucky Youth Advocates and enter to win a chance to win \\$500.00 for your school.](#)

KEA Scarf - Get Yours Today!

Members have been asking "where can I find/get a #RedforEd KEA Scarf?" Well look no further! You can order a #RedforEd KEA Scarf (and other KEA items) by visiting the KEA online store. All items are shipped directly to your home. [Click here to start shopping.](#)

Member Benefits

Planning for a Spring Break get-a-way or summer vacation? NEA Vacations offers you a world of travel discounts. KEA members can save on airfare, hotels, resorts, cruises and more! Whether you're planning a family vacation or your dream getaway, members can see more and do more for less.

As an added bonus, NEA Members can earn [NEA Travel Dollars](#) to use as partial payment on cruises, resorts, hotels and vacation packages. For more information, [click here](#) or call the NEA Member Benefits Service Center at 800-673-4636, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST).

Save the Date



February 24	Public Pension Oversight Board Meeting - 1 p.m. (EST), Capitol Annex 154
March 1	"Selma to Montgomery" Reenactment March, Capital Ave. and Main St., Frankfort, KY.
March 2	Read Across America Day
March 13 & 14	NEA Leadership Summit
March 20 & 21	NEA Education Support Professional Conference

Sincerely,

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