

KEA President's Points

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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

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:

If you couldn't watch Kentucky Tonight this past Monday, you can view it [here](#). The topic was pension reform. This is a topic that will again be prevalent in the 2020 Legislative Session and could come up in a special session. The only person that can call a special session is the Governor.

Please know that any conversations you can have with your legislators in your local hometown between now and January are crucial in helping to keep our defined-benefit pension systems from being unnecessarily changed structurally.

We need to continue to find ways to create revenue so that the many state pension systems are FUNDED. If funding is provided, as we have seen in the last two years, our pension liabilities have reduced and our assets are growing.

Please make sure your members are engaged in this topic with local legislators whenever possible.

Local Presidents + Next Generation Leaders Conference

All KEA Local Presidents are invited to attend our annual conference this summer, July 14-16 in Lexington. Each local president can bring a member with them to the training who may be interested in future local leadership opportunities.

Registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Come learn with your colleagues and collaborate with others on our priorities for the summer and fall.

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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