

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

I cannot express in words how excited and honored I am to be leading the Kentucky Education Association, the strongest and largest association of public educators in Kentucky. Public education is the cornerstone of a strong and prosperous democracy. As we move forward over the next months and years, I look forward to working with every KEA member to lift up public education, our students and the public school employees who are so vital to Kentucky. I know that UNITED we can accomplish anything!

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new KEA Vice President, Joel Wolford. Joel is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and 23-year seasoned educator from Russell Springs where he served students as librarian at Russell Springs Elementary School. Please feel free to reach out to Joel or me at any time by email or at 1-800-231-4532.

Joel and I officially took office on June 15th and we hit the ground running. The first event on our schedule was meeting with the Kentucky Educators' Political Action Committee (KEPAC). KEPAC spent this past weekend interviewing candidates that are running for statewide constitutional offices in November, assessing their positions on public education issues and making endorsements based on those positions.

We hope every KEA member will get involved in the campaign and election process, the outcome of which is incredibly important to the future of public education in this state. Over the next several months, KEA will offer many opportunities for "Empowered Educator" members from across the Commonwealth to be involved in various election-related activities and events.

Every minute you spend contacting your colleagues about the election or volunteering for an endorsed candidate gets us closer to our collective goals. Even a few minutes of your time can make a difference. Joel and I will be working hard alongside members from across the Commonwealth over the next several months. We look forward to seeing you at a KEA event soon.

Summer President's Points Schedule

With summer in full swing, Joel and I will be participating in a variety of events and trainings. Summer editions of President

Points will go out on these dates:

June 26th

July 10th

July 24th

August 7th

August 14th

Summer Savings

Planning a summer vacation, excursion or short get away? Your KEA membership provides many opportunities for discount tickets to theme parks and area zoos such as King's Island, Dollywood, Kentucky State Parks, Newport Aquarium, Louisville Zoo, and more.

Tickets may be purchased online (please **contact Valerie Leathers** at 502-875-2889 or email at vleathers@kea.org for the discount code before purchase). These discount benefits have been exclusively developed for NEA/KEA members and are not available to the general public. Let the [Summer Savings](#) begin!

Attention Local Presidents

[KEA President + Next Generation Leader Training: Register Today!](#)

The registration deadline is June 30, so there are just days left to register! You don't want to miss the KEA President + Next Generation Leaders Conference, July 14th - 16th at the Four Points Sheraton, 1938 Stanton Way, Lexington, KY. This conference is designed to build and maintain the strongest possible local associations for our members by helping Next Generation Leaders thrive for years to come.

KEA will provide 2 nights lodging (on the 14th and 15th) for all participants, as well as breakfast and lunch on the 15th and 16th. For more information, contact Sherry Castle at sherry.castle@kea.org or by phone at 1-800-928-4321. (KEA will not pay mileage or reimburse evening meals for participants.)

Teacher Song -- SAVE THE DATE

KEA Board member, Erin Grace, is looking for educators to help record the "Teacher Fight Song." Erin, a talented musician and singer, was inspired to write this song to document the struggles of the last two years.

Erin invites any educator who would like to participate in the recording to **La La Land Studios - 1139 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY on Wednesday, July 24th**. Details on specific times will be in future President's Points. Singers and instrumentalists, expert and novice all are welcome; the more the merrier!

Inquiries should be directed to Erin Grace at her email: grace.erin@gmail.com. Sheet music for the song and a

recording will be posted on KEA.org soon. Hope to see you there.

See Educators Run

One of the most effective ways to promote and protect public education is to encourage educators to run for public office. The **See Educators Run** program was created by NEA to help people like you make the jump from advocacy to public service.

The next training class for [See Educators Run](#) will take place October 4 - 6 in Detroit, Michigan. If you are interested in running for an elected office and don't know where to begin, this is the training for you. This program is free for KEA members. Those Interested should apply [here](#). Space is limited.

Save the Date



June 24	Public Pension Oversight Board (PPOB) regular meeting, Rm 171 Capitol Annex at 1 p.m. EDT.
June 3-7	NEA Representative Assembly, Houston, Texas.
July 10	Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting, Rm 149 Capitol Annex at 1 p.m. EDT.
June 14-16	KEA President + Next Generation Leaders Training . See information above.
July 24	Teacher fight song recording, Louisville. See information above.
August 3	Fancy Farm Picnic, Fancy Farm, KY

Sincerely,

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