

# 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:

Last week, the governor called the Kentucky General Assembly into Special Session to act on the Quasi-Governmental Agency Pension plan. Although KEA does not have members in these impacted groups, KEA is a member of the Kentucky Public Pension Coalition that supports ALL public servants who participate in one of Kentucky's multiple pension systems.

KEA stands in solidarity with our fellow public servants. KEA leadership, members (both active and retired), and staff have been actively monitoring events in the House and Senate chambers and have attended committee meetings throughout the session.

If you would like to watch the [House and Senate debates click here](#). For text and vote history for the 3 proposed bills click here: [House Bill 1](#), [House Bill 2](#), [House Bill 3](#).

## See Educators Run

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

The next training class for [See Educators Run](#) will take place October 4-6 in Detroit, MI. 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. Interested members should apply [here](#). Space is limited.

## Teacher Song -- HAPPENING TODAY

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 for educators in Kentucky.

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 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Erin is asking anyone interested to arrive at the studio at 12:00 p.m. Singers and instrumentalists, expert and novice

are all welcome! The more the merrier! Any inquiries should be directed to Erin Grace at her email: [grace.erin@gmail.com](mailto:grace.erin@gmail.com). Click [here](#) for a copy of the sheet music and recording. Hope to see you there.

## Summer Savings

Summer is winding down. Don't miss out on savings on many of the destinations and activities you still have time to enjoy!

Your KEA membership provides many opportunities for discount tickets to theme parks and area zoos such as Kings Island, Dollywood, Kentucky State Parks, Newport Aquarium, Louisville Zoo, and more. Tickets may be purchased online (please **Valerie Leathers** at 502-875-2889 or email at [vleathers@kea.org](mailto:vleathers@kea.org) for the discount code before purchase).

These discount benefits have been exclusively developed for the needs of NEA/KEA members and are not available to the general public. Let the [Summer Savings](#) begin!

## Empowered Educator T-Shirt

Empowered Educators across the Commonwealth are standing strong every day for students, educators and public education!

Show your pride as an "Empowered Educator" with our new t-shirt. They can be purchased for \$15.00 (including tax and shipping) online at the [KEA Store](#). Your "Empowered Educator" t-shirt will be delivered directly to you, so [order yours today!](#)

## Save the Date



<b>TODAY! July 24</b>	Teacher fight song recording, Louisville, KY - 12 p.m.
<b>August 3</b>	Fancy Farm Picnic, Fancy Farm, KY
<b>September 6-7</b>	All-Committee Weekend

Sincerely,

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