

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

Please find a summary of the past week's legislative events [here](#). We need all public school employees to continue to call their Representatives to **OPPOSE HB 205**, a bill that would give tax credits to those that choose to send students to private schools. Please find more information about this issue [here](#). You can call and leave a message for your legislator at 1-800-372-7181 and tell them to **OPPOSE HB 205** today!

Another way you can stay informed on legislative updates is to sign up for **KEA Text Alerts**. You can do so by sending the message "KEA ACTION ALERT" to the number **67076**.

Getting ready to prepare your taxes? Read this before you do!

Our partners at NEA Member Benefits have a brand new, easier to navigate website that has some great information and lots of ways for members to save money. Check out the latest article outlining the most recent tax changes that effect educators. Please share [this article](#) with your colleagues. Starting in FY 2018, you can no longer deduct union dues on your tax return *as an educator*. Individual circumstances may alter this option. It is best to discuss your specific tax situation with a professional tax preparer to answer any further questions.

Do you know an outstanding teacher or ESP member that deserves recognition?

Nominate yourself or a colleague to apply for the KEA Teacher or ESP of the Year for award year 2020. Nominees for these two awards need to fill out an application and return to KEA by Feb 15, 2019. Both the Teacher and ESP of the year will be recognized at the 2020 KEA Delegate Assembly and will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Finalists will then be nominated for the NEA award in the same category as KEA's official nominee. For more information on application information please click [here](#).

Save the Date



Feb. 15	Deadline to submit nominations for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year
Feb. 15	Deadline to submit KEA President's Scholarships
Feb. 18	President's Day

Feb. 22

Nominations for KEA Administrator
delegate to the NEA RA due

Sincerely,

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