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Dear Member:

The Public Pensions Working Group Continues to meet. This group continued to hear a lengthy report from KERS Executive Director David Eagers.

Classified school employees contribute to the CERS-Non-Hazardous plan; this is just one of the plans that is overseen by the KERS Board of trustees.

Did you know that 65% of all contributors to the CERS-NH plan are classified school employees? There is currently no dedicated seat on the board for representation of school employees, but there should be. Please email the work group and let them know that this issue is important to us. The email address and information related to the Public Pensions Working Group can be found <u>here</u>. The legislature went back into session yesterday. If you can attend one of our Days of Learning on a Tuesday or Thursday, please do! Contact your local KEA office for more information. We should all be informed about our pension system and discussions about how we, as state employees, may be impacted by this group's decisions in the future.

Need some cash for continuing education?

Check out the KEA Presidents' Scholarship opportunities. <u>Apply online</u> for up to \$1,000 in scholarship money to complete certification in one of the following areas: Rank II (Masters), Rank I (Beyond Master's), National Board Certification or the Classified Continuing Education (must be an ESP member to apply) - scholarship award is based on the cost of the continuing education of an ESP member. All applicants must be a member of KEA. Deadline for applications is close of business February 15, 2019. Scholarship award amounts vary by each of the 12 KEA Districts that are eligible to award them.

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 2019 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 <u>here</u>.

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	Deadline to submit Administrator RA Delegate Nominations

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