Dear Member,

Last week in this communication I mentioned a comment regarding SB 1 that stated, "That means you can stop working on those Program Reviews!! LOL." After listening to the Commissioner’s webinar for Superintendent’s last week on SB 1 implementation, I have learned the following I wanted to share:

- SB 1 was passed with an emergency clause which means the law takes effect the day it is signed (April 10th, 2017);
- SB 1 does do away with Program Reviews, however if a school has completed or nearly completed the work for the 2016-2017 Program Review then districts are being encouraged to submit this work online to honor the work of students and staff;
- There is no penalty to a school for NOT submitting a Program Review for the 16-17 school year;
- Program Reviews will NOT be included in this year’s accountability formula, and there is not yet a decision about how scores for this year will be calculated.

If you have questions about SB 1 implementation please forward those to maryannmiller@education.ky.gov or contact your school district liaison.

Commissioner Pruitt to hold Town Hall Meetings on Accountability System

KEA members are encouraged to attend these meetings to give feedback and learn about the proposed new Assessment and Accountability system for Kentucky. Town Hall Meeting Schedule - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Local Time

Thursday, April 20 - Glasgow Independent Schools, Glasgow High School Auditorium, 1601 Columbia Ave., Glasgow and
Tuesday, April 25 - Fayette County, Bryan Station High School 201 Eastin Rd., Lexington

KEA Classroom Management Trainers Needed for Training

KEA is now accepting applications to become a trainer for a KEA designed Classroom Management workshop. Trainers will
meet and develop the training and present grade span modules around classroom management across the state. If you are interested in this opportunity please [click here].

"Making Student Feedback Meaningful" PD offered by KDE around the state

Are you wondering if the hours spent commenting on students’ work is really producing more effective communicators? Do you find your comments/suggestions are not internalized and transferred in subsequent student work? If the answer is yes, you’ll want to join KDE Literacy Consultants Jamee Barton and Teresa Rogers on one of the following dates as we dive into current research aimed to uncover the critical elements of feedback. Engage with peers in deep conversations about the content of feedback (e.g., focus, specificity and tone) that will have a positive impact on student writing. Facilitated discussions will help to identify factors that influence student perceptions and motivation. Opportunities to share strategies will help you to develop a feedback culture within your classroom. For Registration information and locations [click here].

Dates to Remember:

- May 1: KEA Fellow Application Accepted online
- May 6: Derby Day
- May 8-12: National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 15: Deadline for school districts to issue Nonrenewal letters
- June 12-13: Let’s TALK Conference - [register here]
- June 17-18: RESPECT Conference - [register here]

Sincerely,

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