March 22, 2017

Dear Member,

The 2017 Legislative Session is currently in a nine day VETO period. They will come back to Frankfort for the last two days of session on March 29th and 30th.

I am proud to report that we had more members attend a Day of Learning this session than ever before! Your advocacy through face-to-face meetings, phone calls, emails, and texts were vital to inserting the voice of public school advocates into legislative conversations over the past 2 months. Our collective voice went a long way to make legislation better in many ways this session. I have highlighted in the document [here](#) many bills that have already been signed by the Governor that directly impact public education. If you have specific questions about any piece of legislation please email our Government Relations Director Christian Motley at cmotley@kea.org.

ESP’s can apply for LFT Program by Mar 31st

Applications for the 2017-2018 NEA ESP Leaders for Tomorrow (LFT) program are now available. The program consists of three sessions which will be held July 16-21, 2017 (Minneapolis, MN), November 16-21, 2017 (Washington, DC), and March 18-25, 2018. The application is located [here](#). Please note that applicants must include an acknowledgement form that is signed by the State Affiliate President. This form is not an endorsement of the candidate, but rather an acknowledgement that the member is applying and is in good standing with his/her local and state affiliate. Applications will not be accepted without this form. The LFT program is open to any K-12 or higher education NEA ESP member who meets the application criteria. In order to ensure a strong pool of applicants, please assist us in distributing this information to all ESP members in your local. Additional information about
The program can be found at www.nea.org/esp.

**TELL Survey - Have YOU responded yet?**

*Let's make our goal of a 95% response rate!*

The biennial web-based TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential, and is designed to gather input from certified educators about working conditions in Kentucky’s schools. Our state response rate after only 20 days is 69.32%!!

Congratulations to the following school districts for already achieving a response rate of over 100%:

- Anchorage Ind.
- Beechwood Ind.
- Butler Co.
- Hazard Ind.
- Dawson Springs Ind.
- Jackson Ind.
- Jenkins Ind.
- Ludlow Ind.
- West Point Ind.
- East Bernstadt Ind.
- Robertson Co.

All building-level certified educators may complete the survey independently during the month of March 2017, from any Internet-enabled device. During the survey period March 1-31, 2017, school and state response rates may be tracked at [https://tellkentucky.org/](https://tellkentucky.org/). Our statewide response goal is 95%! Together we can make it happen! TELL Kentucky Survey results will be available in June 2017.

**Dates to Remember:**

- **March 31**  TELL Survey CLOSES
- **April 5-7**  KEA Delegate Assembly
- **April 7-8**  KEA Student Program State Assembly
- **June 12-13**  Let’s TALK Conference, Lexington KY
- **June 17-18**  RESPECT Conference, Boone County KY (PD for classified employees)
- **June 27-29**  NBCT Jumpstart Training www.kea.org

Sincerely,

Stephanie Winkler
KEA President