March 8, 2017

Dear Member,

Call your state SENATORS and ask them to vote NO on HB 520 - Charter school legislation that would allow for-profit charter schools in any school district in the state and also allows for local mayors to be authorizers.

The Legislative Contact line is: 1-800-372-7181 - For more information about HB 520 please click here.

Dedicated KEA members stayed in Frankfort for 2 days to attend both regular and special called meetings of the House Education Committee last week. I want to give a BIG shout out to KEA’s EKEA, Second, and Retired Districts for putting in long hours advocating for their students in the House and Senate education meetings over a 3 day period.

Yesterday, the House Education Committee heard and passed SB 1, sponsored by Sen. Mike Wilson. KEA SUPPORTS this bill. It will now go to the full House to be considered.

Last week’s legislative recap can be located here.

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 1 week is 27.93%.

Congratulations to the following school districts for already achieving a response rate of over 90%:
Jackson Ind. 95.24%
West Point Ind. 91.67%
Butler County 91.43%

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/. Our statewide response goal is 95%! Together we can make it happen! TELL Kentucky Survey results will be available in June 2017.

KEA -NEA Representative Assembly Elections Online NOW

KEA certified and classified members can vote for delegates to the NEA Representatives Assembly. Voting will open at 6 am on March 1 and will close at 6 pm ET on March 31, 2017. To vote please click here.

Dates to Remember:

Mar 8   Deadline to reserve rooms for the KEA DA
****   Pre-Delegate Caucuses occur for all KEA Districts this month
April 5-7   KEA Delegate Assembly
June 12-13  Let’s TALK Conference, Lexington KY
June 17-18  RESPECT Conference, for all classified employees
June 27-29  NBCT Jumpstart Training www.kea.org

Sincerely,

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