Dear Member,
You don't hear it enough, but "THANK YOU" for all you do every day for the kids in Kentucky public schools. Kentucky educators are resilient, forward-thinking and progressive. We know teaching is considered a calling by some, but to me, it's one of the most important jobs in our society. Without educators, no other job would be possible. During this week of appreciation, thank one of your former teachers or fellow colleagues for what they do for kids. Join KEA by saying "Thank You" by sharing one of the following on our social media pages during this Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12:

- A picture of yourself with your favorite teacher, past or present;
- A picture of your child with his or her teacher;
- A picture of yourself holding a piece of paper with a simple message saying Thank You to a teacher and why you're thanking him or her.

Let's show our educators how much they mean to us!
Facebook: Kentucky Education Association Twitter: @KYEducators

KEA needs trainers for new Classroom Management Training

KEA is developing a new professional development series for educators on classroom management. Both certified and classified employees are encouraged to apply to be a trainer. Those selected will help KEA develop and train across the state. Applications can be submitted online here and are due by May 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm EDT. The first meeting of the training cadre will be June 2-3, 2017. All trainers must be available on this date in order to be a part of this work.

Interested in increasing your leadership skills?

Consider applying to be a part of the next class of KEA Fellows! The KEA Fellows program was created in 2013 to support future leaders of the association to lead with purpose and passion. This year-long commitment is limited to one person per KEA
District and the President-Elect of the KEA Student Program. You can find application information here. Apply today to be a part of this exciting program!

Attention ALL KEA Local Presidents

Please register here for the next statewide local president's meeting. It will be July 16-18, 2017 in Lexington at the Clarion hotel off Newtown Pike. This year, presidents will be asked to identify a “Next Generation Leader” that may one day be interested in being a local president to attend the conference as well. KEA will pay expenses for one president + one Next Gen leaders from each local to attend. The event will begin on Sunday evening and conclude on the Tuesday afternoon. Lodging for 2 nights, breakfast and lunch for 2 days will be provided by KEA. Rooms at the hotel will be single occupancy. The hotel has a great pool/game area and participants are encouraged to bring family members. Two room options are available: 2 queen beds or a King bed with pull out sofa. All rooms provide guests with a mini-fridge and microwave. All other expenses including meals and mileage are at the expense of participants. Local and districts are being encouraged to help with these costs. If you have any questions about this conference please feel free to contact our staff liaison Becky Skaggs at becky.skaggs@kea.org

Dates to Remember:

- **May 8-12**: National Teacher Appreciation Week (Teacher Appreciation Day- May 9)
- **May 15**: Deadline for school districts to issue Nonrenewal letters
- **June 12-13**: TALK Conference - register here
- **June 17-18**: RESPECT Conference - register here

Sincerely,

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