Dear Member,

The end of the 2016-2017 school year is in sight! Many of you have already begun making summer plans for travel, family time, and maybe even a little professional development. Please consider exploring all that your association membership offers you in these areas. If you haven’t checked out all the great KEA and NEA member discounts for travel, movies, parks and more check out the information at www.neamb.com or at http://www.kea.org/members-benefits-of-membership-kea-discount-tickets. Also, the next issue of KEA News will be heading to your mailbox soon and it is full of information about professional development offerings and educational information you’ll want to know to be ready for the next school year. Have fun at all of the end of the year parties, graduations, and field trips. Congratulations from everyone at KEA to all in the class of 2017!

Senate Bill 1 Resources

This week, the Commissioner of Education held a press conference to unveil a new timeline for Kentucky Standards to be reviewed and adopted. A copy of the press release and a graphic organizer outlining the different phases of review can be found here. Additional SB 1-2017 resources can also be found on this webpage. The English/language arts standards, as revised, are now available for public feedback online at this ELA survey link. The revised mathematics standards are available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KY2017MATH All members are invited to provide comment on the revised standards, which are highlighted in the online tool along with the rationale for the change, as well as those that were not changed.

2017 TELL Survey Results, and Data Tools Now Available
The Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) survey was administered during the month of March and results are now available. To access the reports, visit www.TELLKentucky.org and click “Results.” Updated TELL data analysis tools are also available. Please use this information to help better student learning conditions (which are employee working conditions) in your school and district. If you need help with the analysis of your data feel free to contact your local KEA UniServ Director.

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 leader 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

Sincerely,