

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

On Monday, interim Commissioner of Education Dr. Wayne Lewis issued his recommendation to initiate the state take-over of the Jefferson County Public Schools. JCTA and the other school employee unions, in conjunction with other community organizations, need our help and support. Please visit www.ourjcps.org to learn more about how to educate yourself and others about this process.

Please make sure to check out some of our other engagement opportunities below.

2018 Legislative Session Recap

KEA has a new Government Relations Director, Colmon Elridge. He has much experience working with state government and has previously worked at KEA as a UniServ Director.

Last week ended the Governor's final days of vetoes. Therefore, we are now able to share the [KEA 2018 Legislative Session Recap document](#). This outlines what bills became law. Please note that this document does not fully explain the many details within the bills' language. It is simply meant to bring attention to the main tenants of legislation that will affect public school employees, students and/or districts. We hope you find this document useful. It will update each week as new bills are signed by the Governor.

If you have any questions related to the document or the session in general, please feel free to contact Colmon at celridge@kea.org

Want to know more about how to enhance your leadership skills?

Consider applying for the 2018-2019 Class of KEA Fellows. The application can be found [here](#). **The deadline to apply is June 15th.** There are 13 spots available, 1 from each KEA district plus one ESP Fellow. If you want to find out more about this exciting yearlong leadership opportunity please email any questions to keapresident@kea.org.

Are you a brand new or existing Local President?

All existing or newly elected Local Presidents of ESP, teacher or merged locals should plan to attend our annual Local Presidents + Next Generation Conference. Like any member organization, the health and vitality of KEA depend on the engagement of its members and on the strength and vision of its leaders. That is especially true at the local level, where good leaders know that the most important thing they will ever do is to identify and prepare their replacements. The 2018 Local Presidents + Next Generation Leaders will be held July 15-16-17 at the Four Points Sheraton at 1938 Stanton Way in Lexington. Local presidents, you should bring with you a member from your local that has leadership potential and who is interested learning what it takes to be an elected leader in KEA. Please register your team [here](#).

How will you celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week?

Many local associations use this week (May 7 to 11) to honor the hard work of teacher members. If you're having trouble coming up with ideas, here are sites you can visit that might help:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/66381.htm> and <https://www.pta.org/home/events/PTA-Teacher-Appreciation-Week> National teacher Appreciation day is May 8th.

Dates to Remember:



May 7-11 National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 15 Last day an employee can receive a nonrenewal notice

Sincerely,

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