Dear Member,

During this National Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to take this opportunity to say, “Thank YOU” to all public school employees who go above and beyond the call of duty every day for students. Without all your advocacy, extra hard work and commitment to students, our Commonwealth could not thrive. It takes all of us—future, current, and retired public school educators to help our communities grow and overcome whatever negativity comes our way.

We have proven as an education community to use our unified voice for the greater good. We cannot be silent anymore. Make sure to begin making plans to vote in the May primary election on the 22nd. We need everyone to vote and help others get to the polls. We will be sending out more information about this to local, and district leaders on NEA EdCommunities sites this week. If you haven't checked out www.mynea360.org please do so. This is a great way to get information about KEA and connect with members across the globe about education issues you care about. Just create an account and explore all the group connections available. Have a great week!

NEA Offers Locals Opportunity to support Early Career Educators

The NEA Teacher Quality Department is excited to open the local affiliate application process for the 2018-2019 NEA Early Career Learning Labs (ECLL). Please read this information carefully and forward to any interested local affiliate. The deadline for applications is May 18, 2018, COB.

Interested in becoming a KEA Fellow?

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.

KDE offers Opportunity to Develop Curriculum Resources for Teaching and Learning Pathway

The Kentucky Department of Education will convene a
workgroup of teachers this summer with experience teaching the education pathway courses, sponsoring an Educators Rising club, and/or having National Board Certification. The purpose of the workgroup is to create curricular resources for the pathway and to build a virtual community of support for pathway teachers. If you are a Teaching and Learning Pathway teacher, a sponsor of Educators Rising, and/or a National Board certified teacher, we invite you to apply to be a member of this team. Important details: The team will meet in person on May 19, June 7 and June 8, 2018, in Frankfort. Participants will be reimbursed for travel expenses and paid a stipend for their time. Please complete the application using the provided link. Deadline for submission: May 8; participant notification: on or before May 11. Please send questions to Jocelyne Waddle or Kathryn Collins at KDE.

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Sincerely,
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