

KEA President's Points

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Dear member,

Commissioner Pruitt sent his weekly email to Superintendents last week that included details about trainings for new Program Review Guidelines. Please take note of details in that article below. Also at this summer's KEA RESPECT Conference for classified school employees, Commissioner Pruitt challenged me to convene a group of Para educators in the state to give feedback on how they can be more help in the implementation of ESSA. More information about this is listed below as well. Hope everyone has a great week!

Para Educator Members needed for input on ESSA



If you are a KY public school para educator and are interested in attending a one-time convening to learn and give feedback on the new ESSA law, please send an email to keapresident@kea.org and put "**ESSA Para Group**" in the subject line.

KDE requires training for Revised Program Reviews

Changes were recommended by a Program Review Task Force established by Commissioner Pruitt in December 2015 made up of teachers, principals, Chief Academic Officers and Superintendents from across the state. The Task Force listened to the many educators who voiced concerns and problems with the current Program Reviews. As a result, the Task Force worked to provide recommendations to improve the process for the Program Reviews. These changes will take effect immediately for the 2016-2017 school year. Accountability for the Program Reviews remains at 23%.

The changes are many and are as follows:

- All A1 schools, including the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky School for the Blind, must complete all Program Reviews that apply.
- Program Reviews will be completed on a state-designated rotating schedule, two per year.
- Schools will complete Assurances yearly for each program.
- Rubrics are streamlined, focusing more holistically on program quality.
- No evidence will be listed in ASSIST.
- Schools will no longer write rationales in ASSIST.



- Schools will no longer complete the Career Advising Diagnostic or the Next Steps Diagnostic in ASSIST.
- K-3 programs will now only be documented using the Assurance. (This will be the only reporting process for the K-3 Program Review.)
- Timelines for entering data will be in place and late entry in ASSIST will result in a "0" score for that Program Review.
- Work plans will replace rationales; KDE will provide examples and non-examples of evidence-based work plans.

These changes will REQUIRE training. To begin that training and in an effort to support all districts, a webinar has been recorded for schools and districts to access at <http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/featured/2016/08/program-review-update-8-9-2016/>. Please share the link as you feel is appropriate.

Additionally, more extensive trainings will be held across the state beginning the first week in September. KDE recommends one or two representatives (at a minimum) from every district attend one of these vital information sessions. The dates and locations of the statewide trainings are available through your central office.

KEA has a vacancy on the NEA Board of Directors

Due to a resignation from office, KEA is seeking nominees for a position on the NEA Board of Directors. Eligible nominees must be Active KEA members and must have been NEA members for two years immediately preceding the election. The successful candidate will serve on the NEA Board of Directors until April 6, 2017, when a permanent director will be elected by the KEA Delegate Assembly. ***Candidates may self-nominate and must complete the official candidate filing form and return it to KEA by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016.*** For more information please visit www.kea.org

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