



KEA President's Points

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Dear member,

As a part of the Commissioner Pruitt's Accountability Steering Committee, I was asked to communicate the following with all KEA members.

Most of you know how hard NEA and KEA leaders fought to have NCLB thrown out and replaced with a law that makes sense for students in the United States. The Every Student Succeeds Act signed in to law this year was intended to give states more flexibility in crafting systems that are useful and meaningful to helping students achieve.

We have recently learned that the regulations being proposed to implement ESSA would not only change the intent of the original law but in many ways would revert back to bad policies of NCLB and make things worse, instead of better.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! We need as many folks as possible to send in feedback to the USED on the draft regulations to make known the areas where changes must be addressed. I am hoping that we can get at least 1,000 KEA members to submit comments and make our voices loud and clear.



You are welcome to use some of the issues that the Commissioner points out in his testimony or review the regulations and compose your own. ***Please just take time to submit some comments by the August 1 deadline!***

The resources for assisting you in providing comments are as follows:

- Commissioner Pruitt's oral testimony on July 14, 2016 - [click here](#)
- Draft USED regulations in response to ESSA - Click on this link to review the actual regulations if you want to compose your own comments:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/31/2016-12451/elementary-and-secondary-education-act-of-1965-as-amended-by-the-every-student-succeeds>

To actually submit comments online, use the above link provided to the regulations and then on that webpage, click on the green button that says "Submit a Formal Comment".

Thank you in advance for speaking up for the students of KY!

Sincerely,
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