

KEA President's Points

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Dear member,

This Saturday is Constitution Day. Did you know that the United States Constitution does not include, as a fundamental right, the right to a free public education? While education may not be a "fundamental right" under the US Constitution, the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment requires that when a state establishes a public school system (as KY did in its constitution on August 3, 1891), no child living in that state may be denied equal access to schooling. Check out more facts about the US Constitution in the article below.

Para Educators needed for input on ESSA

Are you a para educator looking for a way to get more involved in shaping the future of education in KY and beyond?

Do you know or work with an excellent para educator? Please consider volunteering for a unique opportunity to give input into how KY schools will use para educators to help implement the policies of ESSA.

No prior knowledge of ESSA is required. Only the knowledge of what good para educators contribute to schools every day is necessary. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this one day convening in Frankfort, please have them send an email of interest to keapresident@kea.org and put **ESSA Para educator group** in the subject line.

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Constitution Day is Saturday, September 17th



Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the US Constitution on September 17, 1781. Check out some ways to commemorate it: Read and review some

interesting facts. Teach students how the First Congress proposed amendments to the Constitution in 1789. An eBook, mobile app, created by the Center for Legislative Archives, is available from the National Archives. Help students learn

about checks and balances, amendments, the Bill of Rights, and more through online activities from the National Archives. For educators and administrators at educational institutions that receive federal funds, refer to ED's guidance on Commemorating Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Visit [here](#) and [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE! NEA Leadership Summit 2017

The NEA Leadership Summit will be held Feb. 24-26, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. This national conference is always a great way to gain association leadership skills for members at all experience levels. Registration information can be found by visiting [here](#).

Sincerely,

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