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Dear Member,

The next issue of the *KEA News* should be arriving in mailboxes over the next week or so. Please make sure to also check this issue for the free pension poster included as an insert. This will be a great information piece to put on a worksite bulletin board.

## PENSION NEWS

- For those of you who watched the Governor's live Facebook stream Monday night, like I did and saw the drastic recommendations offered from the PFM group, it's clear we need to respond with meaningful action in communities across Kentucky. You can see a synopsis of that [report here](#).
- Please join me and all Kentucky Educators by sending a message to legislators that this report's suggestions went too far and will significantly harm Kentucky's Educators and the kids they serve. Download the "KEA App" on Apple or Android and start talking with legislators NOW!
- For those that want to analyze the cost to taxpayers of a Defined Benefit Pension Plan to other options, please [read this article](#) from the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems August 2017 newsletter.

[Click here](#) to view this week's pension fact video. Make sure to share on your social media platforms and use the #apensionisapromise.

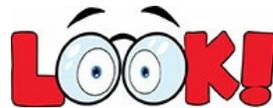
## Public Comment Sought on Kentucky's Draft ESSA Plan

The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking comments on the draft Consolidated State Plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act that lays out a blueprint for public education in Kentucky. Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA),

which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), state education agencies are required to submit a plan detailing the implementation of the law and how federal education dollars will be spent. The ESSA transfers the bulk of education policy and decision making from the federal government back to state and local control. Kentucky's plan is grounded in a year and a half of extensive outreach and engagement efforts with thousands of Kentuckians, including educators at all levels, families, businesses, education partners, policymakers and communities. Senate Bill 1, passed by the Kentucky General Assembly earlier this year, further guided the development of the Kentucky plan. To see the draft of Kentucky's ESSA plan, an overview of the state's proposed accountability system or other information on ESSA in Kentucky, click here:

<http://bit.ly/2wglyAn>. Public comment on the draft state plan may be emailed to [KyEdListens@education.ky.gov](mailto:KyEdListens@education.ky.gov) by September 5. Comments also may be mailed to: Mary Ann Miller, Chief of Staff Kentucky Department of Education 300 Sower Blvd, 5th Floor Frankfort, KY 40601 **All comments will be considered before submission of the plan to the U.S. Department of Education on September 18.**

#### Dates to Remember:



Sept 4	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 15	KEA Read Across America Grant Applications Due

Sincerely,

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