

# KEA President's Points

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We unite, organize and empower members to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

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Dear Member,

The 2017 Legislative Session will reconvene next week. Yesterday, many KEA members, staff, and leaders attended the Interim Joint Education Committee that conducted an information only hearing on SB 50 and SB 1. No testifying was allowed by anyone from the community during this meeting.

Senator Damon Thayer presented [SB 50](#), a bill that would allow flexibility and incentives for districts to start school later in August.

Senator Mike Wilson presented his bill, [SB 1](#). This education reform bill integrates ESSA requirements and eliminates much of NCLB's bad state mandates. Several of the bill's tenants include: changes to PGES by returning to districts the ability to develop local teacher evaluations based on the Danielson framework; elimination of Program Reviews; establishes a new Kentucky Standards review process; makes changes to how schools that are not reaching student testing benchmarks will be accountable and/or supported; and emphasizes a reduction in testing of our students on both the local and state level.

No action on either bill was taken. Please make sure to connect with your legislators about how both these bills might affect your local public schools. You can leave a message for either Senator by calling 1-800-372-7181.

## KEA seeks Teacher and ESP of the Year Nominees

Any KEA member who works in a public school can be nominated by another member as a nominee for the teacher or ESP of the year. Self-nominations are also accepted. Applications can be found on-line [here](#). The deadline to submit nomination is **Feb 17th, 2017**.

## Save Our Schools KY invites your local to view movie Education, Inc.

[Education, Inc.](#) explores the hidden corporate and political interests attempting to take over American public education across the country. As public schools nationwide struggle for funding, complicated by the impact of poverty and politics, corporate reformers see opportunity. Watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/157617318> [Education, Inc.](#) was produced

by documentary filmmakers and public school parents Brian and Cindy Malone. The Malones made the film to inform and engage local communities across the country. Their hope is that students, parents, citizens and public school advocacy groups will use the film to help start an important conversation about the role and value of public education in America. DVDs of Education Inc. can be purchased here:

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### KHEAA Scholarship Opportunity for students in coal producing counties

The Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship provides financial assistance for residents of Kentucky's coal-producing counties to assist in the completion of their first bachelor's degree. Students who live in the following counties are eligible to apply: **Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Clay, Daviess, Elliott, Floyd, Hancock, Harlan, Henderson, Hopkins, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McLean, Menifee, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Union, Webster, Whitley, and Wolfe.** Follow [this link](#) for details, qualifications, and application.

### Dates to Remember:



- Feb 7** Legislature resumes
- Feb 15** Deadline for KEA President Scholarship Applications
- Feb 17** Deadline for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year Nominations

Sincerely,

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