

# 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,  
Welcome back to school for the second semester of the year! 2017 brings an attitude of renewal and hopefulness after a whirlwind we called 2016.



Today marks the second day of the short session for the 2017 General Assembly. Each week I will use President's Points to give an update to the previous week's events. The main goals for legislators this week is to formally elect leadership, conduct the swearing in ceremonies of new legislators, framing up committee appointments and a fervor of meetings to help shape legislation.

There are many pre-filed bills already that directly impact your work as educators. Formal bill numbers have not been assigned but please note that KEA's Lobby team is on top of all the moving parts and will inform you of any pending legislation that needs immediate action or feedback.

Please see below for other ways you can keep track of this legislative session. Have a great week everyone!

## How to be an active participant in the 2017 Legislative Session

1. Sign up for **Legislative Action Text Alerts** by sending a text to 67076 and in the message line type "KEAactionalert".
2. Like the **Kentucky Education Association** Facebook page
3. Follow us on **Twitter @KYEducators**
4. Sign up for your KEA District's **Day of Learning**. Contact your local KEA office for dates and details. The Days of Learning give educators an



- opportunity to travel to Frankfort and attend education committee hearings and meet with legislators.
5. Want to show your public school pride? Visit the [KEA On-line store](#) today and get your long or short sleeve shirt delivered right to your door. Let's spread our love for public schools far and wide.

## Nominations for KEA State delegates for the NEA RA 2017 due Jan 17, 2017

Any active teacher or ESP member of KEA can nominate themselves or another member to be placed on the ballot for election as a state delegate to the NEA 2017 Representative Assembly in Boston, MA. Please click [here](#) to view and or print a nomination form.

### Dates to Remember:



- Jan 3-6 2017** Legislature in Session
- Jan 15** ➤ KEA Deadline to submit KEA Constitutional Amendments
  - Deadline to file for NEA Director and state Ethnic Minority Seat
  - Application deadline for KEA Teaching in Excellence Award and ESP of the Year
- Jan 16** MLK Holiday
- Jan 17** Nominations for NEA RA due to KEA HQ office by 5:00 pm EST

Sincerely,

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