

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

The 2017 Legislative Session is winding down. The Senate Education Committee met on Thursday May 9th and passed the following bills out of committee:

[HB 128](#) (Bible Literacy), [HB 145](#) (drug education), [HB 238](#) (proprietary education), [HB 241](#) (athlete safety), [HB 277](#) (local boards of education), [HB 307](#) (dyslexia screening) and [HB 522](#) (state agency children)

The House and Senate reconvened yesterday and will be in session today before entering into a nine day VETO period. They will go into the last two days of session on March 29th and 30th.

Please continue to call your state SENATORS and REPRESENTATIVES and ask them to vote **NO** on [HB 520](#)- Charter school legislation that would allow for-profit charter schools in any school district in the state and also allows for local mayors to be authorizers.



The Legislative Contact line is: 1-800-372-7181- For more information about [HB 520](#) please click [here](#).

Commissioner Pruitt to hold Town Halls on proposed new Accountability system

Kentucky Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt will be hosting a series of regional Town Hall Meetings across the Commonwealth to gather feedback from Kentuckians on a new accountability system that has been under development for the past year. Below are the upcoming dates:

- **Wed. Mar 22** *Kentucky School For the Blind Auditorium*
1867 Frankfort Avenue Louisville, KY
- **Mon. Apr 10** *McCracken Co. High School Auditorium*
6530 New Highway 60 West Paducah, KY
- **Thurs Apr 13** *Laurel Co Schools Center for Innovation*

1100 E 4Th St London KY

- **Mon Apr 17 Rowan Co High School- Performing Arts Ctr**
499 Viking Dr. Morehead, KY
- **Tues Apr 18 Hardin Co Schools Early College & Career Ctr**
200 University Dr. Elizabethtown, KY
- **Thurs Apr 20 Glasgow High School Auditorium**
1601 Columbia Ave Glasgow, KY
- **Tue Apr 25 Bryan Station High School Auditorium**
201 Eastin Rd Lexington, KY

TELL Survey - Have YOU responded yet?

Let's make our goal of a 95% response rate!



The biennial web-based TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential, and is designed to gather input from certified educators about

working conditions in Kentucky's schools. **Our state response rate after 15 days is 53.67%.**

Congratulations to the following school districts for already achieving a response rate of over 100%:

- Jackson Ind. 100%
- Beechwood Ind. 100%
- Dawson Springs Ind. 100%
- Ludlow Ind 100%
- West Point Ind. 100%
- East Bernstadt Ind. 100%

Congratulations to the following school districts that have achieved a response rate of at least 90%:

- Butler Co. 99%
- Barbourville Ind. 94%
- Ballard Co. 91%
- Breathitt Co. 90%
- Barbourville Ind. 95%
- Hazard Ind. 98%
- Russell Ind. 90%
- Pike Co. 91.94%
- McCreary Co. 96.52%
- Marshall Co. 93.08%
- Logan Co. 96.64%
- Jenkins Ind. 96.97%
- Green Co. 91%

All building-level certified educators may complete the survey independently during the month of March 2017, from any Internet-enabled device. During the survey period March 1-31, 2017, school and state response rates may be tracked at

<https://tellkentucky.org/>. Our statewide response goal is 95%! Together we can make it happen! TELL Kentucky Survey results will be available in June 2017.

KEA -NEA Representative Assembly Elections Online NOW

KEA certified and classified members can vote for delegates to the NEA Representatives Assembly. Voting will open at 6 am on March 1 and will close at 6 pm ET on March 31, 2017. To vote please click [here](#).

Dates to Remember:



April 5-7 KEA Delegate Assembly

June 12-13 Let's TALK Conference, Lexington KY

June 17-18 RESPECT Conference, for all classified employees

June 27-29 NBCT Jumpstart Training www.kea.org

Sincerely,

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