

# KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

The 2017 Legislative Session ends this week with legislators set to reconvene for the last two days of session on March 29th and 30th.

As of this writing, the only bill on our tracking list that was affected by a Governor's veto is [HB471](#) (the charter school funding bill).

Bevin reportedly line-item-vetoed this provision of the bill:

"Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement: All funds received from the environmental mitigation trust established by Volkswagen pursuant to the partial consent decree shall be held in a trust and agency account. These funds shall not be expended or appropriated without the express authority of the General Assembly."

This veto does not affect the charter school funding language or the funding for retiree health insurance subsidies for the biennium.

The KEA Lobby Team will be present for these last two days of session and will report any significant information in action alerts as necessary. As always, if you have specific questions about any piece of legislation please email our Government Relations Director Christian Motley at [cmotley@kea.org](mailto:cmotley@kea.org).

## LEGISLATIVE RECAP



TELL Survey Statewide Response rate at 83%

*We have just 3 days left, please encourage others to participate and let's make our goal of a 95%!*

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.

Congratulations to the 23 school districts that have reached 100%!!

Anchorage, Augusta, Ballard, Barbourville, Burgin, Butler, Dawson Springs, East

Bernstadt, Edmonson, Ft. Thomas, Green, Hazard, Jackson, Jenkins, Letcher, Ludlow, Magoffin, McCreary, Menifee, Robertson, Silver Grove, Union, and West Point



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/>. TELL Kentucky Survey results will be available in June 2017.

### NEA Member Benefits Introduces the NEA DIRECTV Program

NEA MB is pleased to announce a new program for NEA members and their families called the **NEA DIRECTV Program**. This Program features six different programming packages with introductory prices starting at \$50/month, plus taxes and fees, for 12 months\*. Please go to [our website](#) for package details.

**SPECIAL OFFERS FOR NEA MEMBERS:** Currently, qualifying *new* DIRECTV subscribers who purchase the CHOICE™ package or higher will be eligible to receive up to \$200 in AT&T Visa Rewards Cards: a \$100 AT&T Visa Rewards Card through the current National DIRECTV offer and a \$100 AT&T Visa Rewards Card EXCLUSIVE to NEA members! *Note that to redeem these special NEA DIRECTV offers, members must place their orders through the DIRECTV Concierge Service, toll-free, at 1-855-793-4418, by April 22, 2017.*

The NEA DIRECTV Program through DIRECTV has a dedicated Web page at [www.neamb.com/directv](http://www.neamb.com/directv). Members may receive additional information and assistance through DIRECTV's Concierge Service at 1-855-793-4418.



### Dates to Remember:



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| March 31  | TELL Survey CLOSES                 |
| April 5-7 | KEA Delegate Assembly              |
| April 7-8 | KEA Student Program State Assembly |

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

**June 17-18** RESPECT Conference, Boone County KY (PD for  
classified employees)

**June 27-29** NBCT Jumpstart Training [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org)

Sincerely,

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