



# KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

Most in public schools the state will be ending their school year this month. As we put this last year of KPREP behind us, we must look to the future school year ahead and all the change that it will bring. We must make a national paradigm shift in public education from teaching what's tested and being compliant, to teaching what students need and want to know to be successful. Let's embrace the changes of SB 1 and ESSA to help get teachers teaching and students learning content in creative and meaningful ways again. Let's band together as educators and truly abandon the toxic testing of the past and move to a system that is student centric and focused on teacher autonomy and solid shared decision making that provides the skills, tools and resources necessary for kids to be LIFE ready. I know we will stand strong for the future challenges we face as public school advocates, and it will always be for the good of our kids!

## Annual RESPECT Conference Registration OPEN NOW

Classified school employees are encouraged to attend the annual RESPECT Conference June 17-18, 2017 at Ockerman Middle School in Florence, KY. This 2 day event is a joint professional development conference sponsored by the KEA and Ohio Education Association that will offer learning opportunities for all categories of classified employment. More information can be found at [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org) and you can [register here](#).

## Annual Let's TALK Conference Registration Open

At Let's TALK: Conversations about Effective Teaching and Learning, you will have the opportunity to hear from the Department of Education concerning the new accountability system, and You'll be able to select from nearly 60 breakout sessions that will exceed your expectations; and connect and learn from colleagues from across the state. This event is by, for and about ALL teachers, especially you! Please use [this flyer](#) to help spread the word in your work site. To register click [here](#).

## Planning a trip this summer with the family?

Make sure to check out all the ways you can use your KEA membership to receive discounts on travel and excursions during the break. Check out discount tickets at [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org) and also travel discounts at

<https://www.neamb.com/travel.htm> Taking advantage of these member benefits is just one of the ways membership pays you back!

Dates to Remember:



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| <b>May 6</b>      | Derby Day   |
| <b>May 8</b>      | KEA Fellow Application Accepted online<br><i>(please note new application date)</i> |
| <b>May 8-12</b>   | National Teacher Appreciation Week (Teacher Appreciation Day- May 9)                |
| <b>May 15</b>     | Deadline for school districts to issue Nonrenewal letters                           |
| <b>June 12-13</b> | TALK Conference - <a href="#">register here</a>                                     |
| <b>June 17-18</b> | RESPECT Conference - <a href="#">register here</a>                                  |

Sincerely,

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