

# KEA President's Points

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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

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,

Have You Called Your Legislators Today? 855-886-1747 Called Yesterday? Call Again.

Monday: Call my Legislators

Tuesday: Call my Legislators

Wednesday: Call my Legislators

Thursday: Call my Legislators

PROTECT KY PENSIONS

Your advocacy is working! KEA has another meeting today with House Leadership to discuss ways we can change the current bill. Please don't let up on your efforts to contact legislators!

## PENSION NEWS

- 1) On Monday night, I appeared on KET's Kentucky Tonight program. The topic was of course, pension reform. You can view the episode [here](#).
- 2) The Kentucky Education Action Team (or KEAT) of which KEA is a member, released the following [statement](#) in response to the Governor's bill release. Please feel free to share with others.

Your contacts with legislators are having a HUGE impact on this issue. Please continue to contact them EVERY DAY to protect public school employees from unnecessary structural changes our pension system. The system is not the problem- don't be misled. The problem lies in the lack of funding. Our legislature needs to **#FindFundingFirst!** Call the Legislative Message Line 1-800-372-7181- tell your legislators to **#FindFundingFirst**

Email your Representative and Senator and tell them

## #APensionIsAPromise

[Click here](#) to view this week's pension fact video. Make sure to share on your social media platforms and use the #APensionIsAPromise.

### American Education Week celebrated this month

November 13-17 marks the Kentucky Education Association and the National Education Association's 96th annual celebration of [American Education Week](#). This is a great opportunity to celebrate the professional of education with a week full of activities that focuses on the many groups of educators that make each and every school successful. For more information and resources for celebrating American Education Week check out the NEA website at: <http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm> Don't forget to promote all your events for American Education Week through social media using the hashtag #AEW2017 and #PublicSchoolsforAll.

#### *American Education Week Activities*

- **Monday 13th - Kickoff Day** - Celebrate excellence in education
- **Tuesday 14th - Parents Day** - Invite parents and family to your school
- **Wednesday 15th - Education Support Professional Day** - Recognize ESP who meet the needs of whole students
- **Thursday 16th - Educator for a Day** - Encourage elected officials and community leaders to serve as an educator for the day
- **Friday 17th - Substitute Educators Day** - Honor and celebrate educators who substitute for regular teachers

### Do you know a fantastic PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE that needs RECOGNITION?

Encourage KEA members you know to apply for the 2019 KEA Teacher or ESP of the Year Awards. You can find the links to the electronic submission and other information about the awards [here](#).

### Dates to Remember:



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| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day (observed on Friday 10th)                   |
| Nov. 13 | American Education Week Begins                            |
| Nov. 30 | KEA Locals deadline to submit KEA DA Delegate list to KEA |

Sincerely,

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