

KEA President's Points

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This edition is a special Pension UPDATE.

1) **Today at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT KEA, KASS, KASA, KRTA, and KSBA will hold a press conference to unveil our collaborative plan to address the Pension crisis in KY.** The press conference will be held at the Woodford County High School in Versailles. Anyone that can attend is asked to do so to help show support of the plan. The press conference will be videotaped live on our KEA Facebook page if you are able to watch. I have included here a copy of our new proposal for both [CERS](#) and [TRS](#) employees.

This new proposal is in addition to asking legislators to eliminate all of the detrimental language contained in the Governor's 505 page draft proposal.

Many have sent me messages asking how the news of Rep. Hoover's resignation as Speaker of the House will impact our efforts going forward. The answer is, we just don't know. Our focus is not on the personal lives of legislators. We must remain vigilant in doing everything we can to help fix our pensions. Do not turn your attention away from the important issue at hand. We must continue contacting legislators and ask their commitment to fixing this problem sooner than later and in collaboration with stakeholders.

2) **KEA will hold another TeleTown hall this Thursday, Nov 9th from 8:00 pm ET/ 7:00 pm CT** to discuss the details of the new proposal and also to take questions from members. Please make sure to mark your calendar for this important update event. If you are not receiving our calls, please make sure to call your local KEA office and update your telephone number as soon as possible.

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

Save the Date



- Nov. 9 KEA Teletown Hall Call 8:00pm ET/ 7:00 pm CT
- 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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