

# KEA President's Points

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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,  
Please read the Pension News section for an exciting new way to talk to your KEA leaders. We will be trying our first statewide KEA Teletown Hall on Thursday. Make sure you're on the call!

## PENSION NEWS

KEA has set up an opportunity for you to ask questions and learn more about how KEA is advocating on your behalf. Every member can expect a call this week from me, alerting each of you to expect a call on **Thursday, October 12th at 8pm ET** for our very first KEA Teletown Hall. All you have to do is answer the phone when I call. If KEA does not have an updated phone number for you, you will not receive a call. This is for KEA members ONLY! If you want to make sure we have a correct phone number for you in our system you can call your local KEA office to update your information.

KEA has learned that the members of both the House and Senate met the last two days to talk about pensions. We still anticipate the release of a "framework", we also anticipate that the timing of the special session will be announced. Many questions still remain unanswered but we will update you when any information is released.

Please continue to advocate consistently to protect all retirees, and both current and future employees from unnecessary structural changes. 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.

### NEA calling for submissions for workshops at the national ESP conference

The NEA ESP Quality Department in the Center for Great Public Schools is seeking presentations for its annual National Education Support Professionals Conference, March 23-25, 2018, in Orlando, Florida. The theme this year is **Education Support Professionals: Uniting Our Members and the Nation for Strong Communities, Empowered Educators and Successful Students**. NEA is seeking proposals for interactive workshops that allow participants to engage and acquire skills around the most pressing issues facing ESP in public education. Accepted proposals should provide participants with sustainable solutions, new ideas, skill sets and plans of action that they can implement when returning to their school districts, worksites and affiliates. These sessions should be high energy, interactive and provide memorable professional development experiences for our members. **Submission deadline is October 13, 2017**. We hope you plan to be a part of the 2018 NEA ESP Conference and look forward to receiving your proposal submissions. [Click here](#) to submit a proposal. For additional information on this professional development conference, visit the [NEA ESP Conference webpage](#).

### KEHP Open Enrollment Oct 9-20th

After keeping LivingWell plan premiums the same since 2014 and only adjusting the Standard plans by 1% during that time, all plans have a 3% employee increase for 2018, except the Standard CDHP which increased to \$26.20 a month for single coverage. For more information about plans and coverage please see the new [benefits guide here](#).

### Dates to Remember:



- Oct. 9 KEHP Open Enrollment begins
- Oct. 15-21 America's Safe Schools Week

Sincerely,  
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