

# KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,  
With the scariest of holidays fast approaching, it seems that we all have been frightened by the Governor's "Keeping the Promise" proposal. The devil will be in the details of an impending bill. We must keep a close eye on the days ahead and be vigilant about contacting our state officials. It's been a very busy week full of activity and media coverage all ready. Please read below for important updates and resources that we hope are helpful.



## PENSION NEWS

1) KEA hosted another successful Teletown hall meeting on pensions Monday night. If you were not able to join us on the call, then you can find a recording of it under the Members Only section of [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org). Please continue to update your primary phone number with your local KEA office so that you don't miss out on future calls.

2) KEA has combed through the Governor's "Keeping the Promise" documents. You can find them at [pensions.ky.gov](http://pensions.ky.gov). We have compiled based solely on what has been presented (and should not be considered an endorsement) the following documents to hopefully help explain the potential effects of the proposal. Let me also stress that there is STILL NO BILL at this current date. We had to delay this issue of *President's Points* because we had to verify information with the Governor's office so that we put out the most accurate information possible.

- \* [KEA Statement on "Keeping the Promise" Plan](#)
- \* [KEA grid for Certified TRS employees](#)
- \* [KEA grid for Classified CERS employees](#)

3) Senate President Stivers called a press conference early Wednesday morning to further explain his views

on the "Keeping the Promise" plan. KEA provided a press release in response to his comments made. You can view that press release [here](#).

4) Also during that press conference President Stivers referenced a document provided to him from "the union" regarding KEA's position on teachers' enrollment in Social Security. You can view that document [here](#).

Please continue to contact legislators 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**

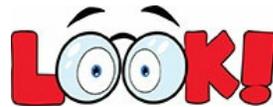
Email your Representative and Senator and tell them **#APensionIsAPromise**

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

### NEA offers Halloween Resources

Check out all the lessons, activities and resources to help your class explore Halloween history, have fun with pumpkins, and more. [Click here](#) to find resources divided by grade spans.

### Dates to Remember:



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| Oct. 31 | Halloween   |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day (observed on Friday 10th)                   |
| Nov. 30 | KEA Locals deadline to submit KEA DA Delegate list to KEA |

Sincerely,

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