

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

It's just 41 days until we all REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER to vote on Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the 2018 election is almost here. Make sure that your family and friends have

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registered or updated their registration to make the voting process easy on November 6th. Anyone that will be out of town on Election Day can vote via absentee ballot at their local county clerk's office. Contact your local County Clerk for more information.

Hurricane Florence devastates many NEA members

Hurricane Florence has ravaged communities in the Carolinas and Virginia, leaving behind a trail of pain and loss. The huge, slow-moving tropical storm has caused 32 deaths, and additional fatalities are feared as floodwaters fill more streets and homes. Although its hurricane-force winds are gone, catastrophic flooding, widespread power outages, and overall disruption are compounding the hardship. In the spirit of solidarity and compassion, please visit our Hurricane Resources and Relief web page (nea.org/hurricanerelief) and contribute to the NEA Member Benefits' Disaster Relief Fund for NEA members. Members were so very generous last year after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I know I can count on the KEA family to open our hearts to those in desperate need of our help. In many communities, members will need ongoing contributions and support to make it through this difficult time. They need to know we are here for them, and that we share their sorrow and empathize with their pain. Let us keep all affected members and communities in our thoughts and prayers. Our compassion and generous donations will help restore their hope that tomorrow will be better.

KESPA President testifies in front of PPOB



KESPA district President Doug Botkin (Fayette Co ESP) represented classified school employees on Monday, Sept 24th as a part of a coalition of labor at the Public Pension Oversight Board. Doug has been a staunch advocate his entire career for the rights of classified school employees. The coalition's

focus on Monday was to explain our support for the separation of the CERS from the Kentucky Retirement System. This has been an issue that was first seriously considered by SB 226 in 2017. The PPOB continues to explore ways to keep our retirement systems thriving. This meeting gave stakeholders the opportunity to give comments directly

to legislators. Please click [here](#) to understand more about our position on the issue.

AG/KEA/FOP heard by KY Supreme Court

Last week, the KY Supreme Court heard our case on the constitutionality of SB 151 (aka "the sewer bill"). KET streamed the proceedings live on television as well as online. If you couldn't watch the proceedings live, you can watch it [here](#). KEA will keep you updated as soon as we know when a verdict might be announced.

Save the Date



Oct. 9

Last day to register to VOTE!

Sincerely,

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