As you’ll see below, this month has been all about increasing our outreach and planning for our June conference. I’m in Texas this week at the TAFE conference, then back up to Connecticut to talk to various stakeholders about implementing Educators Rising statewide.

Staff at the national office are heads down in planning our June PDK2020 conference—read on for more information on opportunities to participate. I look forward to seeing you there!

PDK News

There’s still time to renew!

PDK membership dues will be increasing by $4.95 as of March 1, 2020. You can avoid the dues increase and keep your current rate in 2020 by renewing today through your online Member Portal.

If you have not logged into your Member Portal since last May, your login credentials are as follows:

Username: <<Email Address>>
Password: Password1

NEW! Lifetime Membership
Be a part of continuing the legacy and tradition of PDK for years to come and never run the risk of forgetting to write another dues check or punch in your renewal credit card payment again. By becoming a PDK Lifetime member, you will lock in your PDK Professional membership status for the rest of your life - and save hundreds of dollars in the process.

**Lifetime membership will be available at a special introductory rate of $1,425** through March 1, 2020. Call our Member Services team at 800-766-1156 today to take advantage of this deal.

As a Lifetime member, you'll never run the risk of missing an issue of *Kappan* magazine or a discount to a PDK event, like June's [PDK2020 Conference](#), again.

Over the last several years, PDK has worked hard to revitalize the value of association membership. From our revamp of *Kappan* magazine under the direction of Editor-in-Chief Rafael Heller to new professional development opportunities such as our Virtual Town Halls and Poll Toolkits to new opportunities for recognition through the PDK Distinguished Educator designation, it’s an exciting time to be a PDK member.

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**Join us this June**

[Registration is open](#) for the PDK2020 conference being held June 17-21, 2020 in Washington, DC.

Join your fellow PDK members and current and aspiring educators from around the country! Learn about best practices in chapter development, attend breakout sessions around the most important issues facing you as an educator, and connect with the next generation of teachers.

In addition to the PDK Association conference, we will be hosting our [Growing the Teaching Profession](#) symposium, our [National Institute on Central Office Leadership](#), and [Curriculum Audit Trainings](#). Discounts to all events are available for PDK members. Visit pdkintl.org/conference to learn more.

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**"PDK of Texas" Poll**

The Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation has conducted it’s first ever statewide poll on public perceptions on education, modeled after the national PDK Poll. Major findings include an overwhelming support for teachers, and concerns about testing and lack of funding in...
Did you miss the PDK Virtual Town Hall: *Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color* this past Tuesday? You still have a chance to learn what the data says about why minority teachers are crucial to student success, and what we can do at the district and school level to recruit and support teachers long-term from *Kappan* magazine authors Dr. Travis Bristol of the University of California, Berkley, and Dr. Dan Goldhaber of the American Institutes for Research. [Watch the presentation today.](#)

PDK members have exclusive access to all previous Town Hall events through your [Member Portal](#).