

On the Move...

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A Message from the President

As summer begins to fade and the leaves begin to change for fall, it is reminding us to prepare for a new school year. The beginning of school is an exciting time not only for students and teachers, but also everyone who is employed by our school district. Each year we embrace new teachers who join the ranks of our noble profession. This year will be my 23rd year in the school system, and I am honored to be your association's president. This is going to be challenging year in public education as well a triumphant one. I encourage you to become active in your association. HEA is a strong unified professional organization dedicated to working toward an environment conducive for learning. Public school employees dedicate their time, lives, and careers to help future generations excel, and therefore deserve to be treated with respect, equality and professionalism. Our association is going to continue to work hard for you, so you can focus on what you do best as educators and that is... TEACH. I urge you to become active in the association by participating in monthly meetings. I am an advocate for you and just a phone call away. Have a fantastic school year!!!

2016/2017 Meeting Dates

Representative Assembly

September 1, 2016
October 13, 2016
November 3, 2016
December 8, 2016 – Holiday Reception
January 5, 2017
February 2, 2017
March 2, 2017
April 6, 2017
May 4, 2017

Board of Directors

August 25, 2016
September 29, 2016
October 27, 2016
November 17, 2016
December 8, 2016 – Holiday Reception
January 26, 2017
February 23, 2017
March 30, 2017
April 27, 2017
May 18, 2017

Location: HEA Office
Time – 4:00

A Message from the UniServ Director

On behalf of the Alabama Education Association, I welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. As UniServ Director, I am honored to represent our members in Huntsville City Schools. Public schools are vital to our communities and our democracy and it is YOUR hard work that makes this all happen. The working conditions of educators are the learning conditions of students. Now, more than ever, we must rally together to strengthen our Association and advocate for the schools our students deserve. My commitment to public education is unwavering and my respect for you is immeasurable. I look forward to hearing your comments, concerns, ideas, and questions as the year unfolds. Please, get involved! There is strength in numbers! Stay informed and know your rights-- knowledge is power! We thank you for your membership and wish you a fantastic year. **Together we stand as AEA!"**

Message on membership and payroll deduction:

"September 2 will be the last bank draft and will end the 2015-16 membership year. Starting with your first paycheck of this new year, dues will be collected through payroll deduction. Please make sure your membership is up to date and encourage all non-members to join. No public school employee should go without the protection, benefits, and advocacy of Membership in YOUR professional Association. Please contact your building reps, HEA office, or UniServ Director for assistance. Thank you for being a member!

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Donors Choose, founded by a history teacher, invites you to read classroom testimonials and select one to support based on school need, location and materials on its wish list. **donorschoose.org**

From One Hand to Another, established by entertainer Pharrell Williams, gives at-risk youth the STEAMM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and motivation)-powered tools that they need to succeed. For the past 10 years, FOHTA also has donated school supplies to classrooms in need. **fohta.org**

Adopt a Classroom has raised almost \$30 million in classroom donations in its 18 years. Select a category—from art and music funds to first year teacher assistance—where you'd like to make an impact. **adoptaclassroom.org**

Don't forget our first Representative Assembly meeting for the 2016/17 school year on Thursday September 1. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have never attended before, what are you waiting for? Here is what you can bring to the meeting;

- **Your news.** What is going well and what is not so far?
- **Your concerns.** We can't address what we don't know about.
- **Your ideas.** What more can we do to help and support public school employees?
- **Your friends.** Bring somebody who has never been before.
- **Your energy.** We have work to do.