

# On the Move...

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## Knowledge is POWER

Key Aspects of Code of Alabama Section 16-1-8.1

(1) "Each school shall have a budget committee. The committee shall be comprised of five members consisting of four teachers and the school's principal, or the principal's designee. The teachers on the committee shall be elected annually by secret ballot by majority vote of the teachers voting at each school. The budget committee shall propose a budget for classroom instructional support, excluding student materials. The proposed budget shall be consistent with the latest plans for professional development and technology developed at the local school level by the principal and faculty and submitted by the local board of education to the State Superintendent of Education."

(2) "The proposed budget from the budget committee shall be submitted to the teachers at an annual meeting. Before any part of any proposed budget is implemented, the teachers at the school, through a majority vote of those voting, shall approve the proposed budget utilizing a secret balloting process. Teachers shall have at least two work days to review the proposed budget before a vote is taken."

(4) "Any or all of the funds for classroom instructional support shall be made available to each teacher before December 1."

## Legislative Contact Team

The 2018 Legislative session begins on January 9. Would you be interested in serving on our Legislative Contact Team? The LCT is on the frontlines of advocating for public schools and educators. Activities of the LCT include:

- roundtable meetings with local legislators
- attending and participating in local legislative forum on February 5, 2018
- contacting local legislators
- informing members in your building

We are fighting for a substantial PAY RAISE, to defend public school funding, to protect your rights and benefits, to improve resources for our students, and to oppose vouchers and other attacks on Alabama's public schools. There will be many important public education issues up for discussion in 2018 – make sure your voice is heard! Please contact UniServ Director Adam Keller at [adamk@alaedu.org](mailto:adamk@alaedu.org) or 256-533-7570 ext. 3 if you would like to get involved.

### **Local Dates Set for AEA Election**

The local dates for the upcoming AEA election have been set. The Huntsville Education Association will conduct the election from January 15—January 25. The ballots will be due in the HEA office by 4:30 on January 25. Ballots have already been mailed to Building Representatives. Be sure to exercise your right to vote. There are many candidates from Huntsville and Madison county on the ballot.

### **HEA UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

February 1, 2018

March 1, 2018

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 25, 2018

February 22, 2018

March 22, 2018

### **SAVE THE DATE: January 27, 2018—AEA Regional Professional Learning Conference**

This event is free for AEA members! It will be held at The Westin—Huntsville, 6800 Governors West, NW, Huntsville Alabama 35806. CEU and PLU Sessions will be offered. The cost for Non-AEA members is \$250.00 for CEUs/ \$500.00 per PLU. For more information, contact Dr. Pamela Fossett, EPPP Manager (pamelaf@alaedu.org)

### **National Board Certification**

HCS has offered to pay for teachers to work toward National Board Certification. This includes module payments as necessary. Teachers do have to pay the \$75.00 registration fee (this is a National Board requirement). Teachers must have 3 years of teaching experience, hold a current certification, and make a commitment to remain with Huntsville City Schools for 3 years after completion of certification. HCS will provide substitutes for 2 professional days per year; these can be used to assist with filming and other classroom work that takes place during the certification process. HCS is working to provide mentors and mentoring sessions for teachers who are working on NBC to provide ongoing support through the process. For more information please contact Lee Simmons at [lee.simmons@hsv-k12.org](mailto:lee.simmons@hsv-k12.org) or call (256)428-6863.

### **TELADOC—New PEEHIP Benefit Provides Doctors 24/7; No Copays**

Teladoc is a new medical program that gives education employees and Non-Medicare retirees access to a network of board-certified, state-licensed doctors and pediatricians with no copay. It was adopted at the December 2017 meeting of the PEEHIP Board and can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can have a phone or online video consultation as an alternative to urgent care or emergency room visits for **non-emergency** care. Teladoc doctors can treat many medical conditions including cold, flu, allergies, respiratory and ear infections, sinus problems, and more. They can also prescribe medication and deliver the prescription to your local pharmacy. There is no charge to members for the service, so no copays. To use Teladoc, simply call 1-855-477-4549 or visit [Teladoc.com/Alabama](http://Teladoc.com/Alabama). Members will need their Blue Cross Blue Shield PEEHIP contract number found on your insurance card to set up the account. For further information contact PEEHIP at 1-877-517-0020.