

# On the Move!!!

**Kecia Lambert**  
President

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## *President's Message*

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I certainly hope that each of you had a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with your family and friends. I am elated to serve as your HEA President this school year. I am striving to make a difference by offering workshops, Chew and Chat Sessions, and monthly meetings that would be beneficial to you and keep you aware of information on the local and state level. Along with our Uniserv Director, Adam Keller, we are going to work as a team to make this a pivotal year in Huntsville City Schools. HEA wants to do everything it can to support all of you this year. We are committed to our public schools and believe that every child deserves the opportunity to an education that is provided in a safe environment that meets their individual needs in every way. What you do is the future of everything! Everyone of you have my upmost respect. I am proud to say that I am your colleague.

As we enter this new school year, I want you to know that HEA will be engaging in conversations regarding a positive mindset and strong unified association. Our mission is to advocate for all professionals, unite our members, fulfill the promise of public education, and prepare all the students to succeed in a diverse and global world.

I encourage you to become active in HEA. HEA has many opportunities for you to utilize and support the organization. You may become involved by volunteering for a committee, recruiting members in your building, and reading our monthly newsletter. I am a strong believer working together makes a difference in the lives' of students and professionals. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the office and leave a message and we will get back with you as soon as we can. Make your VOICE heard. Put your ideas into motion. Be a leader. Thank you for all that you do for Huntsville City Schools and our students. Have a GREAT year!

**We need all educators and community allies to show up to the Annie C. Merts Center, Huntsville City Schools, 200 White Street on Thursday, August 23.** The first budget hearing starts at 4:00 pm, followed by a school board meeting at 5:30pm. Show up as soon as you can, stay as long as you can, wear **RED** and bring friends. We need to hear first-hand about the financial situation of the district and how that may impact educators and students. We need to look decision-makers in the eye as they discuss their plans. We need to send a clear message that we stand UNITED! AEA/HEA will continue to advocate for and defend our members. We will continue to defend the teacher pay raise we fought so hard and for so long to achieve. We will continue to push back against the privatization of support staff. And we will do everything we can to defend your livelihood.

**Adam Keller– AEA Uniserv Director**

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**\*\*Dates following name indicate term expiration\*\***

## **JOIN HEA/AEA/NEA TODAY!**

*If you, or someone in your building, is not a member of your professional organization—**JOIN TODAY!** Please contact your local building representative or the HEA office at **256-533-7570** or [hsvedu@bellsouth.net](mailto:hsvedu@bellsouth.net) for a membership form.*

## **Meeting Dates for 1st Semester 2018-19**

### **REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

August 9, 2018

September 6, 2018

October 4, 2018

November 1, 2018

**December 6, 2018—Holiday Reception**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August 30, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 15, 2018

### **Don't Pay the monthly surcharge: Get Your Wellness Screening**

PEEHIP members may pay a \$50.00 monthly wellness premium if they choose not to participate or fail to complete the requirements by the deadline of August 31 of each year. It's not too late to avoid future expenses; get your wellness screening and save yourself money!

**Food for Thought !** Membership is more than just adding members, we need more activity. Please bring your ideas and resolutions, volunteer for committees, and start initiatives. That's the only way we can make progress on the working conditions, salaries, and resources for our members. It is up to the local members—the Huntsville Education Association—to take the lead on issues affecting the membership.

