



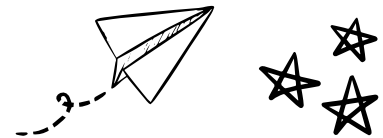
HCEA

Hamilton County Education Association

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From THE President



I hope this email finds you and your family well. I also hope you found time to relax, enjoy your family, and recharge. We accomplished so much together last school year, and I look forward to a phenomenal year of continued collaboration and success.

We have conferenced an improved MOU and the changes we were able to make are because of your voice. Although it is not board approved yet, the district has promised to follow the MOU as though it is approved until the vote on August 17th.

We are also working to secure an association representative(AR) in every building. Your AR has been or will be trained to support you in the building. We have also added to the MOU that they are on the leadership team. *(continued)*

UPCOMING DATES

- 08/17/23 HCS Board Meeting
- 08/28/23 Axe Throwing Event
- 09/11/23 HCEA Board Meets
- 09/18/23 HCEA AR Meeting
- 10/02/23 HCEA Board Meets
- 10/06/23 TEA Red for Ed Gala
- 10/07/23 TEA Symposium
- 10/09/23 - 10/13/23 Fall Break
- 10/16/23 HCEA AR Meeting

I want to be sure you know the value of membership. It's more than liability insurance. It's about the Power of Our Voice! HCEA/TEA/NEA speaks out to make schools better for child and educator. There is no way our voice can be as strong without you. Our work to guarantee great public schools for every child and educator in Hamilton County is far from done.

We want to engage more members as we move forward. One way will be to attend this HCS Board meeting to show support for the MOU. We are in year two of the NEA Great Public Schools grant and you will see opportunities for social events for early educators, Professional Development (paid), continuing our mentoring program, and inviting members to be a part of the Restorative Practice Training.

I encourage you to become involved in the work of our association and share your talents and perspectives by joining a committee at <http://bit.ly/CommitteesHCEA>



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**SIGN UP FOR HCEA'S
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE!**

**YOU CAN BE AN
ADVOCATE
FOR
GREAT SCHOOLS!**

ENGAGE WITH LOCAL LEADERS

Your voice matters!

The time is now

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN HCEA'S
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE?

COMPLETE THE INTEREST FORM
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If you have not already done so, please join our Members only Facebook Page by searching for HCEA Educators (members only) and ask to join.

Finally, HCEA/TEA/NEA is advocating for students and educators. If you need anything during the week, please contact the UniServ Coordinator at afowles@tnea.org or me. We are stronger together.

With much appreciation,
Jeanette Omarkhail
Your HCEA President



From our uniserv



Thank you for the hard work you've put in for your students. It is because of you that we have great public schools in Hamilton County. I've been in a few schools over this past week and all I've seen is hard-working educators setting up rooms, getting ready for the new year, and doing whatever it takes to give their students the best learning conditions possible.

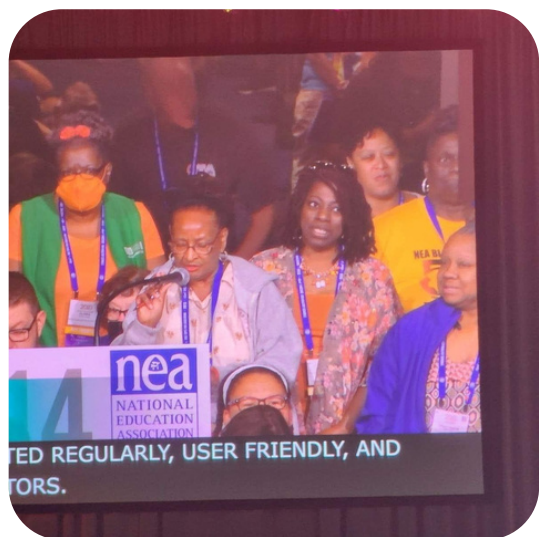
You have until the end of this month to convert to EZ Pay. Please reach out if you have questions.

Lastly, make sure you know who your building's association representative is. If you don't have one at your building, please consider stepping into this vital role. Email me if you are interested, and I will help you every step of the way. -Aaron Fowles

Our members attended the NEA Representative Assembly held in Orlando, FL this summer!



@ THE NEA RA!



Left: Pam Thompson speaking in favor of a New Business Item, supported by other members



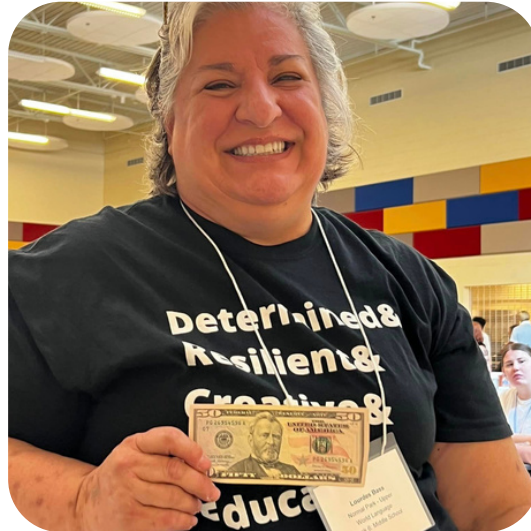
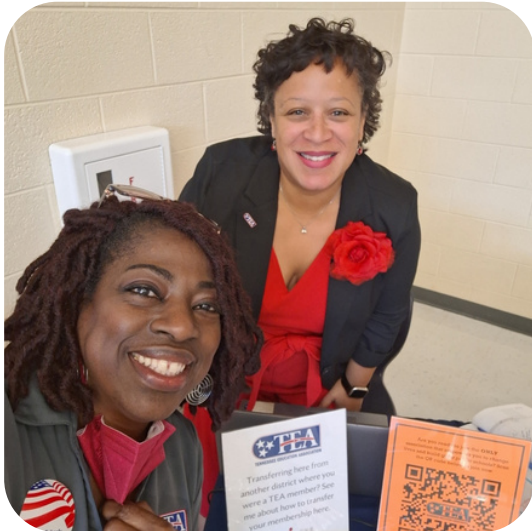
Right: HCEA attendees group photo

Each summer, HCEA sends delegates to the National Education Association's Representative Assembly. This year's attendees were Sheree Wheat, Karen Wilson, Lori Cleveland, Kendra Harris, Veronica McCuiston, Pam Thompson, and Jaime Kerns.

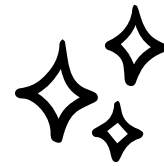


NEW TEACHER RECRUITMENT

This summer, HCEA (and TEA!) attended HCS' New Teacher Academy. We shared information about our association and ran raffles throughout the event. It was excellent to welcome new teachers to our profession!



Left: Kendra Harris (HCEA Board) and Tanya T. Coats (TEA President)



Right: Lourdes Bass, new HCEA member!



Many grants are currently available for teachers. Good luck to all applicants! And thanks to Jaime Kerns for helping to currate this information.

Grants

Junior League of Chattanooga Mini-Grants is a program designed to provide funding for creative and effective teaching projects to educators in the Hamilton County public school system. **Deadline: 09/04/23**

TN Arts Commission The Student Ticket Subsidy (STS) grant program provides funds for artist fees, tickets, and transportation fees for students from TN public schools to experience a broad variety of cultural opportunities, arts disciplines, and arts learning from artists during the school day. **Deadline: 09/04/23**

NEA Envision Equity Grants enable educators to test creative new ideas and innovations, demonstrating exemplary teaching and learning, while advancing students' cultural understanding and appreciation, anti-racism commitments, and understanding of civic engagement and democracy. **Deadline: 09/15/23**