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Hi Member,

This Friday, August 1, 2025, I am honored to begin my term as President of the Federal Education Association (FEA).

First, I want to celebrate you. Every day, you face challenges, adapt, and give your best to your students. That work is profound and deeply valued.

I also want to say thank you to Brian Chance for his dedicated leadership as FEA President, which has laid the foundation for our continued progress.

As your new FEA President, I believe in listening first—deeply and intentionally. Every educator’s voice matters, and under my leadership, making space for those voices is not just a priority. It is the foundation of how we will move forward together.

You may have noticed the increased focus on collecting your stories. **That is deliberate.** Listening to you is not optional; it is essential. Your stories capture the heart of our work: the challenges you face, the victories you achieve, and the dedication you bring every day.

This isn’t just a campaign. It is a reflection of my leadership philosophy: to lead by listening. Your experiences will shape FEA’s priorities, guide my decisions, and strengthen our advocacy so that what we fight for truly reflects your needs and realities.

By lifting up your stories, we will show policymakers and communities what’s truly at stake in our classrooms and build the unity and influence we need to drive meaningful change together. Your voice isn’t just important; it is the heart of our work and the key to creating meaningful change.

Who I Am

- 23 years in DoDEA
 - Taught Mathematics and Career & Technical Education
 - Served as Math Coach
 - Served as CSI Chair
- Leadership Roles:
 - FEA Vice President (2023–2025)
 - TEAK President (7 years)
 - FRS (7 years)
- Education
 - M.A. in Mathematics Education
 - B.A. in Mathematics

Your New FEA Board of Directors

View the full list of your new Board of Directors [here](#).

What You Can Do

The Preliminary Injunction (PI) hearing is August 4, 2025. A preliminary injunction is a court order that, if granted, temporarily blocks a policy or action from taking effect while the case is being decided. While we do not expect an immediate ruling, a decision is anticipated soon after. If the PI is granted, the government is expected to file an emergency motion for a stay with the DC Circuit Court.

If you are able to, please complete the Legislative Action Center (LAC) campaign on [not shortchanging military-connected students](#) and [restoring collective bargaining in DoDEA schools](#) if you haven’t already by then so our voices can be heard.

We remain confident in our filing, which is supported by strong evidence showing immediate and actual harm. I will share updates following the August 4 hearing.

If you have ideas or concerns, connect with your local FEA representative or reach out to me directly by replying to this email.

Thank you for all you do each day for our students and one another. Let’s move forward—united, determined, and ready to meet the future together.

In solidarity,



Sharon Manuel
FEA President

"United we stand, divided we fall."

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