

## **New Staff Join NCASA Team To Support NC School Leaders**

2018 begins a new year with some changes to the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) team, which provides support services in the areas of communications, advocacy and professional development to public school leaders across the state.

New team members include Kara Hamilton, Development and Marketing Manager; Lucy Kucmierz, Member Services Manager; and Jacqueline Wyatt, Government Affairs and Communications Specialist.

Rhonda Jernigan, former Executive Assistant, announced her retirement effective December 31, 2017 but is continuing to support the work of NCASA as an independent contractor assisting with the training and transition of new team members and planning for the organization's Annual Conference on Educational Leadership to be held April 19-20 in Concord.

Kara works directly with NCASA's Corporate Partners to help them navigate marketing and other benefits they receive in exchange for their ongoing financial support that makes possible many of the services NCASA provides to school leaders. Before joining the NCASA team, Kara worked in higher education overseeing student and career services.

Lucy supports current and prospective NCASA members by assisting with membership requests, renewals and conference/event registrations. Before joining NCASA, Lucy worked as an educator, PTA leader, office manager, and membership and meeting coordinator.

Jacqueline, a former online English teacher, works with Executive Director Katherine Joyce as part of NCASA's advocacy team that represents the views and concerns of school leaders in the North Carolina General Assembly and with other policymaking boards and commissions that have an impact on NC public schools and their personnel. She also generates the weekly newsletter, *In The Know*, and provides written communications and news updates for NCASA members. She replaces Adam Pridemore, who has joined the staff of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners as Legislative Counsel.

NCASA welcomes these new team members and looks forward to continuing to provide North Carolina's school leaders with the high-quality support services that you need and deserve from your professional umbrella association.