

DEAR HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS' PARENTS & GUARDIANS:

On behalf of the Associated Parents' Groups (APG), welcome to the 2017–2018 school year!

We know you lead busy lives and back-to-school can be an overwhelming time of year for you and your kids. So here is a way to **benefit from all Hillsborough's award-winning public schools have to offer in just three steps.**



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3 - STEP APPROACH:

① STAY CONNECTED – Make it a habit to stay informed about your school community. We find that these resources (prepared by a dedicated group of parent volunteers) are particularly helpful:

- **SCHOOL E-NEWSLETTERS:** Each of our four schools sends parents a comprehensive newsletter by email on approximately the 1st and 15th of every month.
 - **Please read the entire newsletter** — it's everything you need to know, all in one place.
 - **Can't find your copy?** You can access your school's newsletter any time by selecting your school on the ["Schools" tab](#) on the [District's website](#).
- **ALL SCHOOLS DIRECTORY:** Paid for through Parent Group dues, the All Schools Directory is your dedicated printed resource for email addresses and phone numbers for teachers, staff, and district families from all four schools.
 - **InfoSnap** — Do yourself (and us) a favor and take the time to enter your contact information accurately in the District's online-enrollment process, as this data is also used for the printed Directory.
 - **Directories** — We make every effort to deliver an accurate directory to you as soon as possible after school starts.
 - **Extra Copies** — Many parents like to keep extra copies of the Directory in their homes, offices, and cars. Additional Directories are available for purchase from each school's Parent Group, while supplies last.

② VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & TALENTS – Hillsborough's public schools rely on a network of parents volunteering their time and expertise at each school site as well as for the district as a whole. We hope you will join us!

- **BENEFITS:** When you volunteer for our schools, you...
 - **Demonstrate to your child that education is important!** Studies show that students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and tests scores, as well as better behavior, social skills, and attendance.
 - **Develop a deeper understanding of your child's school, curriculum, teachers, and peers.** This will help you better support your child and reinforce school learning at home.
- **OPPORTUNITIES:** Ready to roll up your sleeves and get started?
 - **Volunteer Online** — Watch for links from your school's Parent Group for **online volunteer sign-ups**.
 - **New to volunteering?** Consider signing up to help out in your child's classroom or serve Choice Lunch. No experience needed, just a willingness to pitch in! It's also a great opportunity to see first-hand your child's day at school.
 - **Not able to volunteer during school hours?** From science fairs to socials, there are still many ways to get involved. Contact your Parent Group's Volunteer Chair or President to help you find the role that is right for you!

③ DONATE FUNDS – We ask for your financial support in the very important ways:

- **PAY SCHOOL DUES:** Your school's Parent Group collects dues from parents to fund programs at your school. Dues are now due and incorporate most school-related expenses for the school year. See the enclosed Parent Group Dues Form for details. [Note: Donations for field trips are not included in Parent Group dues.]
- **DONATE TO HSF:** The *Hillsborough Schools Foundation (HSF)* raises funds to increase per pupil spending. Pledge your financial support to *HSF* by Pledge Day, September 28th. See the enclosed *HSF* letter for details.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of Hillsborough's public schools! Please feel free contact me with any questions or concerns.

All my best,

[Michelle Fowler](#)

President, 2017 - 2018

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