

## The Role of PTA at HMES

- **What are the differences between the roles of the PTA at Henderson Mill Elementary School (HMES) and The Henderson Mill Elementary School Foundation Inc. (The Foundation)?**
  - PTA at HMES is the Parent Teacher Association at Henderson Mill Elementary that forms the backbone of many vital campus activities and events.
    - § PTA works closely with room parents and volunteers with more hands-on daily activities, events and information for the benefit of the students and their families and to strengthen the relationship and communication between school and home.
    - § PTA offers programs and materials that benefit the entire student population such as assemblies, book fairs, walk-to-school days, teacher appreciation days, accelerated reader and math superstars programs, etc.
    - § PTA at HMES, through various publications, provides announcements and publicity for issues, programs, services and general information that support the school, families and the community and support open communication.
    - § Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs. Benefits include discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters as well as email notices, representation by advocates for public education on a local and national level and supporting a powerful voice for children.
  - **The Foundation** is focused on fundraising to bridge the gap between inadequate state and federal funding and the cost of a well-rounded quality education.
    - § Funding can come through partnerships, grants, corporate sponsorships Guiding Principles

- § The Foundation can partner with Henderson Mill community, faculty, and PTA to identify, prioritize, and address most critical needs based on student, parent, educator, administrator, and community input.
- § Enrich academic and interpersonal experience designed to support curriculum enrichment and services for students and teachers that are not funded by local, state or national education funding.

- **What is the purpose of PTA?**

- The purpose of PTA purpose as stated in the Georgia PTA Guidelines:
  - § To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
  - § To raise the standards of home life.
  - § To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
  - § To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
  - § To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

**Fundraising is one of the goals of PTA, but is not its primary purpose.**

- **When we pay money or raise money for PTA – what are we paying for?**

- § PTA's fiscal duties are focused more on short term and are budgeted for each school year. When PTA collects money for a specific task or program, PTA serves the families through an administrative role of tracking and monitoring the funding and transactions related to various school programs, supplies and

services (yearbook, class pictures, field day, planners, field trips, courier envelopes, etc.)

- § PTA supplements and funds materials and supplies not reimbursed or funded by local education funding (ink cartridges, art department supplies, grounds cleanup, etc.)
- § Fundraising supports all of the programs, benefits, services and activities sponsored by PTA that meet the stated purpose and roles listed above.

To see more information about Henderson Mill Elementary School Foundation, please visit: [http://www.hmesfoundation.org/HMES\\_Foundation/Welcome.html](http://www.hmesfoundation.org/HMES_Foundation/Welcome.html)