



## About the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference Schools Committee

The mission of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference (HPKCC) Schools Committee is to provide community support for the schools and a place where Local School Council and other school support group members can meet and share information. "Every school a source of pride."

### The Schools Committee

- Supports our Local School Councils, Parent Advisory Councils, PTAs, PTOs
- Encourages community involvement in our schools
- Organizes forums and events and advocates for quality schools and broad involvement
- Provides a variety of resources for schools and families including on our web site [www.hydepark.org/education/schools.html](http://www.hydepark.org/education/schools.html), and HPKCC Youth Programs Database [www.hydepark.org/schools](http://www.hydepark.org/schools)

**Join us!** The Schools Committee meets 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. For info & contacts: [hpkcc@aol.com](mailto:hpkcc@aol.com). Keep abreast of the committee and the rest of HPKCC- or join the Conference- <http://www.hydepark.org>.

### Schools Committee services to schools, parents and community

#### Local School Council support activities

- LSC-PAC-PTA Recognition and Welcome Networking
- Promotion of LSC elections and participation
- Principal breakfasts to assess school needs and what HPKCC can do for schools
- Provide help to LSC's as needed

#### Schools-support

- Issue-awareness in the community through forums, positions, publications, and collaborations
- Workshops that put schools in touch with after school providers and support enrichment and resulted in a database for schools and parents at [www.hydepark.org/schools](http://www.hydepark.org/schools)
- Workshops on accessing resources for schools and ABC's of schools and CPS for parents
- Worked to prevent school closures, seeking instead a strong pre-school-12 continuum serving well each age group, and well-utilized schools within walking distance
- Led establishment of a Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Action Council to plan advancement of area schools as a whole, serving the well being of our and nearby neighborhoods
- Held supply drives for schools.

#### Internet resources

- Committee webpage and calendar at [www.hydepark.org/programs/schools.html](http://www.hydepark.org/programs/schools.html)
- HPKCC Youth Programs Database & expanded database in [www.hydepark.org/schools](http://www.hydepark.org/schools)
- A full array of resources, directories, and information on schools, councils and issues-start from [www.hydepark.org/education/schools.html](http://www.hydepark.org/education/schools.html).

### Why we focus on supporting our Local School Councils (LSCs)

Local School Councils are each school's elected body—parents, residents, teachers, principal. The LSC approves the school budget and annual strategic plan, evaluates and selects the principal. Community based, this is a unique and the nation's strongest schools site management system.