

## The Role of the School Parents' Group

- Foster a good relationship among parents, school and community.
- Support school improvement and promote the best education possible for students.
- Expand technology and supplement equipment and supplies.
- Participate in programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum.
- Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget.

What a Parents' Group DOES	What a Parents' Group Does NOT Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run the school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage parents' involvement in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Force parents to participate in PTO and/or school activities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set policy regarding school programs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define the school's curriculum</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control the school's budget</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTO functions and assist with school programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern</li> </ul>