

Dear HHS community:

On September 20th, HHS will hold elections for two parent representatives to serve on our local school council.

The primary purpose of a School Council is to bring schools and communities closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process.

The Heritage High School faculty and staff are very excited about the opportunity to again work with our school council. Terms of service on the council run for two years.

Who can run? Any parent or guardian of a student enrolled in **grades 9-11** at Heritage High School, excluding those that are also employees of Heritage High School.

IMPORTANT!!

The purpose of this email is to ask your help in nominating a parent for our school council. EACH NOMINEE MUST AGREE TO SERVE. (Please remember the time commitment is one meeting in the afternoon once every three months and check with anyone you nominate before sending his or her name to me at gregf@rockdale.k12.ga.us or drop off his or her nominee's contact information to the front office at Heritage by Friday, Sept 16th. The election ballots and voting for the new council positions will take place from 7:30 to 4:00 on Tuesday, September 20nd in the front office at the school. The elected parents must be able to attend a mandated training at RCA in Room 1177 on September 27th from 5:30-7:30pm.

Sincerely,

Greg Fowler
Principal

Heritage Local School Council

Purpose of the School Council:

- ◆ To improve communication & participation of parents & the community in the management & operation of the school.
- ◆ To bring communities & schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation.
- ◆ To solve difficult education problems.
- ◆ To improve academic achievement.
- ◆ To provide support for teachers & administrators.
- ◆ To bring parents into the school-based decision-making process.
- ◆ To assist the local board of education in developing & nurturing participation.
- ◆ To bring parents and the community together with teachers & administrators to create a better understanding of a mutual respect for each other's concerns.
- ◆ To share ideas for school improvement.

School Council members must:

- ◆ Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues.
- ◆ Regularly participate in school council meetings.
- ◆ Participate in information & training programs.
- ◆ Act as a link between the school council & the community.
- ◆ Encourage the participation of parents & others within the school community.
- ◆ Work to improve student achievement & performance.

Time Commitment:

- √ Two-year term of office.
- √ Minimum of 4 yearly meetings. Dates and times determined by council.
- √ Other meetings, training, & information sessions.

