



HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Holmes High School Parents:

It's time to elect a 2017—2018 parent member for our school council. I hope you'll consider running for our school council, or encourage a friend to do so.

In Kentucky, each school has a council composed of the principal, elected teachers, and elected parents who make many of the most important decisions about how their school will work. The council is a wonderful chance to learn about our school, work closely with teachers, and help make our school even more successful than it is now. The parent members of the council are elected by parents. They receive training and will serve from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. To help with questions you may have, I'm enclosing a fact sheet about parent members of Kentucky school councils.

Nominations are due to Shelly Duncan in the Holmes High School Youth Service Center no later than 3:30 PM on May 16, 2017. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please do encourage that person to run.

The election will be held May 24, 2017, between 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Holmes High School Main Office. If you will have a child enrolled at Holmes High School next year, you are eligible to vote in this election. (This includes parents, step-parents, and foster parents. Legal guardians are also eligible to vote if the child lives in their home.) I urge every parent to participate in this important decision about the future of our children's school.

Results will be announced (and a run-off election held if necessary) on May 25, 2017, at 8:30 AM in the Holmes High School Main Office. Please plan to be present for this important event.

Thank you for your interest in our school, and please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Shelly Duncan

Youth Service Center Coordinator



FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS

WHO CAN BE A PARENT MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL?

Parent council members must be the parent, step-parent, or foster parent of a child who will attend the school during that council term. Legal guardians are also eligible to serve on the council if the child lives in their home. (Some parents may not be able to serve based on working for the school, working at the district central office, serving on the school board, or having relatives in those roles.)

WHO CAN VOTE FOR PARENT MEMBERS?

To vote, you must be the parent, step-parent, or foster parent of a child who will attend the school during that council term. Legal guardians are also eligible to vote if the child lives in their home.

WHY DO KENTUCKY SCHOOLS HAVE COUNCILS?

Councils are the groups that lead each school's planning and other work to reach the goal of proficiency. Councils stay focused on student achievement so that schools can reach their targets for all groups of students.

HOW IS A COUNCIL MADE UP?

In most cases, the parents elect two parent members, the teachers elect three teachers, and the principal serves as chair. If more than 8% of a school's students are minority members, the school may also elect an additional parent and teacher. Some schools also have "alternative models" that let them have a council of a different size, an elected chair, or some other variation on the standard model.

WHAT DOES A COUNCIL DO?

A council's biggest job is developing a school's plan for school improvement, monitoring that plan, and making adjustments if it gets off track. The council is also responsible for key policies, including curriculum, instructional practices, discipline, school schedule, and other topics. The council develops an annual budget and is consulted on the hiring of staff, and when the school needs a new principal, the council, along with the superintendent, chooses that person. Kentucky really has given councils the power to change their schools for the better.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOOL COUNCILS?

- If you are elected to the council, you will receive the six hours of training that all new council members receive.
- Anytime, feel free to visit www.kasc.net.
- Also, contact other parents who have served on school councils in your district or area.

2017 - 2018 Parent Member Nomination Form

Holmes High School Council

Please return this nomination form to **Shelly Duncan in the Holmes High School Youth Service Center no later than 3:30 PM on May 16, 2017.**

Your name: _____

Your children who will be at our school next year: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your e-mail: _____

Your mailing address: _____

Your Statement: (Please explain why you want to be on the council. We will send copies of your statement home to all parents. We hope your statement will be 150 words or less. If it is easier for you to use the back or attach a separate sheet, that's fine.)

To serve on the council, you must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that you meet each standard.

_____ My child will attend Holmes High School during **2017 -2018**.

_____ I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).

_____ I am not an employee of Holmes High School.

_____ I do not work at the local school district's central office.

_____ I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, or uncle of any employee of Holmes High School.

_____ I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.

_____ I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

Your Signature: _____