

PPS BENEFITS FOR CHAPTERS AND CHAPTER MEMBERS

*A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED CHAPTERS
working with public school parents and other supporters
to strengthen their local public schools*

We believe that offering every child the highest quality public education is vital to American democracy. By mobilizing parents who reflect our diverse culture, we build excellent public schools and better communities.

PPS Chapters receive a wide variety of support, services, and technical assistance from the PPS national network. The Network is based out of the PPS national office in Jackson, Mississippi, and encompasses communities and education advocates across the country. The national office provides resources and technical assistance to local chapters, so that chapters start going, keep going, and do great work along the way.

The annual chapter fee for all chapters in good standing is \$250, payable between September 1st and December 31st of each year. The annual fee is waived the first year for newly incorporated chapters.

The basic benefits for all PPS Chapters include:

THE NETWORK

- Membership in a unified, national organization of committed public school parents
- Access to best practices from a national network of parents with common goals
- Invitation to PPS's leadership conference and other special chapter training opportunities
- Seasonal newsletters for all local and national chapter members
- Connections with other national school reform organizations

THE CHAPTER

- Automatic 501(c)3 status through group exemption
- Permission to use the logo and name of Parents for Public Schools

THE CLEARINGHOUSE

- Toll-free number (800-880-1222) for easy access to national resources and information
- Research and best practices on issues common to local chapters
- Special access to clearinghouse resources through the PPS web site (www.parents4publicschools.org – under construction)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Hot-line for staff support and strategies for sustained efforts
- How-to manual for chapter formation and Action Guides for specific chapter activities
- Consultation on fundraising strategies, strategic planning and leadership development
- Specially designed templates for PPS communications and materials
- Site visits as needed by other chapter leaders or staff