



Parents for Public Schools

Public education **works**
when you do your part.

We **Are** Parents for Public Schools

Parents for Public Schools (PPS) is a national organization of community-based chapters working with public school parents and other supporters to improve and strengthen local public schools. We believe that quality public education is vital to our democracy and to America's future. We value parents as owners of public schools and as peers with all those seeking to improve schools. PPS is invigorated by a diverse membership whose involvement in public schools helps to ensure that quality public education is available equally to all children.

PPS was formed in 1989 by a group of parents in Jackson, Mississippi to recruit families to support public education. Within less than two years, 800 families had organized and helped to pass a \$35 million bond issue, the first in more than two decades. After this early success, public education advocates and supporters urged PPS to create a national organization, which was later established in 1991. Today, there are 19 PPS chapters located in 11 states. Although each chapter has its own identity; the chapters' work is enhanced as a part of a larger national network that provides a source of power, support, and expertise.

Our Work

Parents have a unique perspective and a sense of urgency when it comes to the education of their child(ren) and this interest carries over into a strong concern for the education of all children. PPS creates networks of parent advocates and encourages them to become involved in the improvement of public schools as decision-makers and proactive owners of the schools, not simply reactive or passive consumers. Through our network of chapters, parents are able to participate and impact outcomes at the national, state, district, and community levels, as well as the local campus level.

The National Office of PPS works with its chapters in three core areas:

- ▶ **Leadership Development for Parents** – to build a powerful network of parents who are equipped with leadership skills to engage in school improvement efforts at the local, state, and national level.
- ▶ **Public Awareness for Parent Engagement** – to build greater awareness of and support for parent engagement as a school improvement strategy.
- ▶ **Organizing for Action** – to mobilize parents and their supporters to work to achieve equitable distribution of resources to support public education and access to high-quality public education opportunities for all students.

For More Information

If you are interested in learning more about PPS, donating to the national office or a specific chapter, or establishing a PPS chapter in your local community, please call 800-880-1222 or visit www.parents4publicschools.org.