



PPS Chapters in Action...

PPS of San Francisco – distributed to approximately 900 members, the chapter's e-newsletter, *Scoop*, encouraging participation in the November 7th vote and offering information regarding BOE candidates and Proposition A. **NOTE: Largest bond measure in San Francisco history won with 74% of the vote.**

Springfield PPS – deeply involved in the selection process for a new Superintendent for their district. This involves lots of interaction with their district's school board and the Springfield community.

PPS of Jackson – This month's Lunch Bunch centered on the upcoming bond vote. The program was styled in rally format, complete with pompoms, T-shirts, music, and cheerleaders (parents, community members and district employees sharing their reasons for a "yes" vote. The program, taped by the District's media department, will air several times on the local access channel. Also this week, 2,000 community members received a special edition of the chapter's newsletter, *Pages*, devoted to the bond referendum. **NOTE: Largest bond referendum in the history of Mississippi (\$150 Million) passed with 81% voter approval.**

PPS of Syracuse – one initiative of the chapter's *Parent Campaign for Public Schools*, is Voter registration and Get-out-the Vote. PPS of Syracuse reminds members, "While PPS can't endorse specific candidates, we can encourage people who care about education to evaluate candidates carefully and to vote."

Charleston County PPS – helped to educate their constituents thru development and distribution of two flyers – "Attributes of an Effective School Board Member" (modeled from PPS of Waco) and "Charleston County School Board Election Information." Chapter also had representation on a local Chamber linked group who developed a series of questions sent to and answered by all the candidates.

Lancaster PPS – sent e-mail blast to all chapter members reminding them of candidate forums held at University of South Carolina at Lancaster. PPS submitted questions for candidates concerning their views on new tax reform law, testing criteria, top priority for schools, etc. – these forums were televised live by the district high school's broadcast journalism class for broadcast until elections on November 7th.

Cincinnati PPS - helped organize and is participating in two events this Fall: Roundtable Discussion on Ohio school issues held September 13 organized with *Communities for Quality Education*, a national organizing effort taking place in a number of states this Fall and Candidate Roundtable, a collaboration with the *Citizens School Committee* in Cincinnati.

CPPS of Portland – a series of 65 (yes, count them) "Back to School Night" presentations have been organized by PPS members throughout Portland school district to inform parents about a critical, local school funding measure that is on their ballot. **NOTE: Five-year operating levy passed with a 63% yes vote.**

PPS Of Houston – getting involved in opposing yet another push for vouchers in the state of Texas. As a way to get their chapter voice heard, chapter members are working the *Texas Freedom Network* that organizes opposition to vouchers.

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