

**May Howard Elementary School
School Council Representatives
Parent Nomination Form
September 25, 2018**

What is a School Council and what does it do?

The school council is an advisory body organized to assist May Howard Elementary School. The council fosters a collaborative relationship among school administrators, parents, teachers, and the business community to provide recommendations for school improvement. School Council meetings are scheduled bi-monthly, typically on the first Friday at 6:45 am. There are a total of four meetings during the school year.

Who is on the school council?

The school council will consist of a minimum of seven members: parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school; community members/business partners; two certified full-time teachers; and the principal. The term of office for council members is two years. Council members can serve more than one term. Currently, there is one parent vacancy on the school council.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parent representation is essential to the school council initiative. The law requires parents to elect parent representatives to the council. Parents are eligible to serve on the school council if they have one or more children presently enrolled at May Howard.

How can you become involved?

If you or someone you know is a parent/guardian of a child who is enrolled as a student at May Howard, you might consider nominating yourself or others for election as a member of the school council.

Do I need special experience to be on the school council?

No. What is needed are members with an interest in their child's school and the desire to work with other parents, community members, teachers, and administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas to foster school improvement.

What is the process for the school council elections?

We will accept nominations from Tuesday, September 25, 2018 until Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Please be sure if you are nominating someone else, they have accepted the nomination. Nomination forms will be available for download from the school website or a physical copy will be available in the front office. Completed nomination forms should be sent back to your child's teacher or submitted to the front office by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Once nomination forms are submitted, biographical information for all candidates will be posted to our website and posted in the main office of our school. Ballots will be sent home with students on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. They must be returned to the school by Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:00 pm (No Exceptions). Each family will vote for one individual to serve as a parent representative. Only one ballot per household shall be completed. Elected members will be announced on our website Friday, October 19, 2018.

The nomination form is on the back of this letter.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the school at 912-395-3925.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to run for School Council, please do so by completing the information below. After nominations are received, information on the candidates to include a biographical sketch will be on our website and in the front office. Ballots will be sent out to each household and elections will begin Tuesday, October 9, 2018 and end Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:00 PM (No Exceptions).

Please fill in the nominations section below and return to the school by: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 by 3:00 PM.

I would like to nominate the following parent listed below to represent the parent body on the May Howard Elementary School Council:

Parent Name

Contact Number

Child's Name