



## **Education Action Group Report to the Membership 2025-26 Year**

### **Summary:**

Our primary purpose is to advocate for students in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties and across the State of Florida. Specifically, to fully fund our K-12 public schools including faculty and staff, school facilities, and safe transportation; to ensure transparency and oversight of all public money spent on education; and to address issues impacting student mental health, safety, transportation, and curriculum.

### **Accomplishments:**

Worked with other public school advocacy organizations, including but not limited to Families for Strong Public Schools, Hillsborough County PTA and other leagues across the state, to reach our objective that all Florida students have access to local public schools that have the flexibility to meet their unique needs

- Caring, committed, qualified teachers and education support professionals including mental health support professionals and services,
- Well-maintained, clean, safe school facilities, including ample classroom space equipped with updated technology and all supplies needed to support curriculum,
- Current curriculum developed by educational experts that is science-based,
- Safe transportation to and from school, and
- Equity in curriculum, assessments, teacher qualifications, and resources at all schools receiving public funds.

Our league action team spoke at Hillsborough County School Board and Legislative Delegation meetings; contacted state legislators and district staff on issues and/or legislation impacting public education objectives including but not limited to public school funding, charter and voucher school standards, the threat of co-location legislation, and library book removal policies.

### **Upcoming Important Dates or Events:**

The Education Action Group meets during our league's Monthly Issues Update Meetings and with the Statewide Alliance at meetings every other Friday 3pm-4pm.

### **2024-2025 Objectives:**

To continue to work with the school district and state legislators to fully fund public education as required by the Florida constitution "for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high-quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high-quality education."

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Potter, Chair*