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TO: Parents/Guardians of Holly Springs Elementary STEM Academy

FROM: Donna Bertram, Principal

SUBJECT: SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION for 2018 – 19

One of the Major System Priorities of the Cherokee County School System is to increase the level of parent and community involvement in the total school. The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 (HB 1187) established school councils in Georgia to "bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process." The law details the composition of the council, its responsibilities, and procedures for conducting business. School councils provide advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and local boards of education. All members of the School Council must maintain a school-wide perspective on issues, regularly participate in council meetings, participate in information and training programs, act as a link between the school council and the community, encourage the participation of parents and others within the school community, and work to improve student achievement and performance.

The School Council will include the principal, two certified teacher members elected by the teachers and four parent (or guardian) members of enrolled students elected by the parents. At least two parents must be business persons. Parent or guardian members cannot be school employees. Council members serve a term of two years, attend a minimum of four meetings per year and participate in meetings, training and information sessions as necessary. If you wish to make a nomination, please complete a form in the school office. An election for two parent (guardian) representative will be held on Friday May 11, 2018 in the Holly Springs Elementary STEM Academy school office. All nomination forms must be returned to the office no later than Thursday May 10, 2018 to be placed on the ballot. This important committee will continue the positive efforts of the Cherokee County Schools System. Thank you for your nomination.

Sincerely,

Donna Bertram



**Dr. Brian Hightower**  
Superintendent of Schools