

MEMBER BOOK

2024-2025



HCTA

HILLSBOROUGH CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Over 100 years of unity, advocacy, activism,
training, news, and benefits.



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OUR HISTORY

Hillsborough CTA started out as the committee representing teacher concerns within the Hillsborough County Education Association (HCEA), an association of teachers, principals and assistant principals. The association was a professional organization that met regularly to discuss ways to improve their schools, but had no right to negotiate on behalf of their members, no collective bargaining and no contract.

In 1965, a group of teachers split from HCEA and created the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association with the goal of being the sole organization representing teachers. At the same time a new association, the Hillsborough Association of School Administrators (HASA), was formed to represent administrators.

In 1968, HCTA supported the FEA's call for a statewide teacher strike in support of more education funding and collective bargaining rights for teachers, which led to the inclusion of collective bargaining in the Florida Constitution later that year.

UNITED WE STAND

Hillsborough CTA is dedicated to being an effective advocate for education professionals in Hillsborough County, to strengthen support for their professional work and development, and to support efforts to ensure that every child in Hillsborough County has access to an excellent public education.

Hillsborough County is the 7th largest school district in the United States with over 250 K-12 schools serving over 220,000 students. The District employs approximately 13,000 teachers and 3,400 educational support professionals.

HCTA has a long history of constructive labor management relations with the school district and is affiliated with the following organizations:

- **Florida Education Association (FEA)**
The FEA is our state level affiliate and represents approximately 140,000 teachers and educational support professionals in our state.
- **American Federation of Teachers (AFT)***
The AFT, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, was founded in 1916 and represents 1.5 million members in more than 3,000 local affiliates nationwide.
- **National Education Association (NEA)***
With more than 3 million members, NEA is the nation's largest professional employee organization, with members who work in every level of education.
- **American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)**
The AFL-CIO is an umbrella federation for most U.S. unions, with 56 unions representing more than 12 million workers.

*Florida is a "merged state" and as a result, our members benefit from the combined resources of the AFT and the NEA, as well as the AFL-CIO.

Through affiliation with these organizations, HCTA members are a part of a massive support network that advocates for them on a local, state and national level, offers a wealth of professional opportunities, and a myriad of discount programs on products and services (see page 12 for more detailed benefits information).



Our History Continued

It also set the stage for better salaries and better relations between teachers and their respective districts.

In 1969, Hillsborough became the only district in the state with professional negotiations by law, empowering "the School Board to recognize and negotiate with the organization which represents the majority of Hillsborough's classroom teachers" - the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association. In 1977, HCTA began negotiating a contract for teacher aides and in 1984 ratified a contract for clerical employees.

Over the years, HCTA has continued to be an effective negotiator on behalf of employees in Hillsborough County. Some of the early contractual achievements were: benefits packages that include life and health insurance, duty free lunch, personal leave days, eliminating the requirement for pregnant teachers to resign or take a leave 60 days prior

to the birth, and the creation of the sick leave bank. And, believe it or not, one of the changes HCTA brought about, in the early 1970s, was allowing female teachers to wear pantsuits instead of a dress or skirt. **Many of the benefits we now take for granted, were won by your union.**

Today, HCTA's leadership continues to work diligently to ensure that members' rights are protected, respected and enforced.



A STRONG UNION IS DRIVEN BY MEMBERS

Hillsborough CTA is an organization of teachers and educational support professionals who know that when we stand together we have the greatest impact. Our unified strength within Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) achieves more for all of us.

A PROFESSIONAL VOICE

Through collective bargaining and the participation of members, HCTA has strong comprehensive contracts for Instructional Personnel and Educational Support Professionals (ESP). The contracts cover a wide range of employment matters, from due process to salaries and health insurance benefits to professional employee working conditions.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HCTA works to raise community awareness of education issues and gain community support for public educators. The union advocates for programs and opportunities that will improve our education system, build greater achievement in our classrooms, and improve the lives of all students and stakeholders.



SHAPING OUR LAWS

Educators do not make the laws and policies governing education in the state, but we elect and can influence those who do. HCTA and affiliates constantly monitor and lobby the Florida Legislature as well as the Hillsborough School Board on all issues regarding public education, as well as the needs of Hillsborough County educators and support staff.

SUPPORTING OUR PROFESSIONS

Supporting our members to excel as professionals is a core value of our union. See page 8 for professional development and training opportunities.

MEMBER ADVOCACY – PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

HCTA members receive personal support, guidance, assistance and representation from HCTA Reps and staff for the following work-related issues:

- **Transfers**
- **Constitutional and Statutory Rights**
- **Observations / Evaluations**
- **Grievances**
- **Student Discipline Issues / Safe Learning Environment**
- **Unit Loss / Reduction-in-Workforce**
- **Personal Property Loss**
- **Administrative Reviews & Disciplinary Actions**
- **Harassment**
- **Conferences with Administration**
- **Non-Renomination**
- **Workplace Health, Safety, and Injury on the Job**
- **DOE Professional Practices Investigations**
- **DCF / CPI Investigations**
- **Illness in the Line of Duty and Injury on the Job**
- **HCPS Professional Standards Investigations**
- **Assaults / Battery**
- **And any other issues which may arise as a result of a member's responsibilities as a HCPS employee performing his/her duties.**

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Members receive liability protection through NEA's Educators Employment Liability (EEL) insurance policy. The basic coverage provided by the EEL policy includes:

- **Coverage A:** Educators Liability (Civil)
- **Coverage B:** Reimbursement of Attorney Fees for Defense of a Criminal Proceeding
- **Coverage C:** Bail Bond
- **Coverage D:** Assault-Related Personal Property Damage

NEA's EEL policy is an occurrence policy; the benefits protect insured NEA members as of the time of the occurrence, no matter when the claim is made. The EEL policy covers criminal and civil rights cases, but not cases arising out of the discharge or layoff of a member, or involving other "job rights" issues. For more in depth information regarding the details of the policy, please go to www.neamb.com and enter "liability insurance" in the search box.

PERSONAL CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE

Hillsborough CTA:

- Works with HCPS Teacher Certification analysts to help members through the certification process.
- Works with the HCPS Certification Office to help members with problems related to certification.
- Provides ESP with information and mentoring sessions for the General Knowledge exam and the Para-Pro test.
- Helps navigate state and federal requirements, such as those under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).



OUR UNIFIED STRENGTH



WILL ACHIEVE MORE FOR ALL OF US.

IN YOUR SCHOOL & DISTRICT

HCTA BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

Any member can become a leader within their school or work site by being elected as an HCTA Rep. HCTA members at each site elect HCTA Reps; the number they can elect depends on how many members are at the school or work site. One Representative and one Alternate Representative are elected for each twenty (20) teacher members or major fraction thereof and for each twenty (20) ESP members or major fraction thereof. Each site has a minimum of 1 Teacher Rep and 1 ESP Rep, and an alternate for each.

HCTA Reps serve as the elected representatives of the union to help improve teaching and learning conditions, and school climate. They are the site's elected delegates to the HCTA Representative Council (a monthly meeting that typically takes place the 2nd Thursday of each month throughout the school year) and are a tremendous resource for members. HCTA Reps advocate for members' rights, forward member concerns to HCTA, disseminate union information and materials, and facilitate member mobilization. Only HCTA members are eligible to vote or run for HCTA Rep positions. HCTA Reps receive inservice points for attending Rep Council, Union PD, and other eligible union meetings.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

By contract, all district committees must include employees who may be affected by that committee's decisions. The HCTA President appoints members to district committees giving members an opportunity to influence decisions on things such as textbook adoption, school calendars, and a variety of other issues.

THE UNION
IS
YOU!

YOUR
SINCE



ACTIVISM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

We strongly encourage our members to be active advocates for the rights of educators, students and public schools in Hillsborough County and the State of Florida.

E-ACTIVISM

HCTA offers members a direct connection to become an Electronic Activist. Members can register to become a part of the FEA Action Center. Members will automatically be updated on key issues that are being acted upon by the Florida State Legislature. Members can view FEA position papers, monitor session bills, and contact your Legislators, all with the click of a mouse.

UNION COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

By becoming involved in union committees, task forces, caucuses, and programs, members have the opportunity to shape union policies and positions, and influence changes in public education at the state and national level.

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Advocacy covers a wide range of activities, from simply providing a community with information about a particular issue to litigation and lobbying efforts. Advocacy activities that you can participate in:

- Attending & speaking at school board meetings
- Signing petitions
- Writing articles, letters and op-eds
- Making phone calls
- Educating people in your community about the issues and what our legislators are doing
- Assisting with non-partisan voter mobilization
- Assisting with organizing community events, such as community forums or rallies
- Educating local leaders about the issues you face on a daily basis as an educator
- Participating in HCTA and HCPS committees
- Participating in conferences discussing issues surrounding educators and public education
- Attending training sessions to learn skills and strategies for successful direct action organizing
- Participating in lobbying efforts at the state level and actively supporting litigation efforts.

If you are interested in participating in any of these, please contact your HCTA Staff Rep or your Building Rep.

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WHY SHOULD YOU BE ACTIVE?

While not everyone can invest the time to participate in every union event and meeting, every member can take a number of simple steps to help HCTA continue to grow as a powerful and effective vehicle for advancing your interests and the interests of your colleagues. Those steps include:

- **Read your contract and keep it handy at hillsboroughcta.org/contracts**
- **Attend union-sponsored meetings and events**
- **Read newsletters, e-mails, etc.**
- **Vote in all union, local, state and federal elections**
- **Submit ideas for contract proposals**
- **Don't guess...go to your union leadership if you have any questions**



These simple steps will ensure that you stay informed, make your voice heard, and help improve your profession.

E-ACTIVISM

Sign up for
**REA Action
alert texts!**

Text
**edactivist
to 22394**

TRAINING

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our professional learning offerings are designed to inspire growth and learning, support professional practice, and promote educational advocacy. Content is aligned to Best Practices and sessions for instructional employees are designed to promote deeper understanding of effective teaching practices. District in-service points are awarded. Courses are free of charge to our members.

ESP LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sessions specific to ESP needs are offered addressing topics like managing anti-social behavior, advocating for your profession and time management. We offer in-depth courses examining and guiding ESPs through the evaluation process. There are additional opportunities for ESPs and Instructional members to work together in building site-based and classroom culture.

HCTA CERTIFIED REP TRAINING

As a Site Rep, you are a leader! Hone your tools and skills to develop confidence and knowledge to ensure your success as a Union advocate.

ESE FOR GEN ED TEACHERS

HCTA offers face-to-face modules with follow-on activities to provide the 20 hours of SWD credit necessary to rectify every 5 years. Some modules are also applicable to the role of a classroom paraprofessional.



TRAINING



LEARNING ACADEMIES

HCTA Learning Academies promote deeper understanding of specific topics. These multi-session classes use current literature and research to enhance instructional practice. Options: Visible Learning, Thinking Maps, Critical Thinking through Questioning and Discussion, Canvas and Cultural Diversity. New topics are in development.



READING CERTIFICATION

We offer courses in the Reading Competencies needed to secure certification in Reading, which is now required by the State of Florida for many teachers. These classes can be completed on-line with the guidance of our exceptional and knowledgeable course facilitators.



BOOK STUDIES

These learning opportunities capitalize on professional literature to promote thinking about current, relevant educational practices. Engage with peers in online discussions based on your insights from reading. Book purchase may be required.



FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION TRAINING

FEA ANNUAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: This gathering of teachers and school-related personnel offers renowned speakers and productive workshops on educational issues and union policies and strategies.

FEA ESP CONFERENCE: Paraprofessionals and clerical employees are offered this program of professional development geared to meet their needs.

FEA SUMMER ACADEMY: The FEA Summer Academy is a week-long training session geared toward new, emerging and seasoned leaders in the Florida Education Association — from locals of all sizes. It brings together in one place, at one time more than a dozen trainings FEA previously held throughout the year and around the state.

FEA WINTER LEADERSHIP: A gathering of educators offering a variety of workshops to build your union leadership skills

FEA BARGAINING CONFERENCE: training to empower members of our bargaining team and increase leverage at the bargaining table

FEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Offering members high quality professional development and resources.

For more information go to www.feaweb.org.



GRIEVANCE, COMPLAINT, OR GRIPE?

As a member of the bargaining unit, you have rights, but are you aware of those rights? Many employees mistakenly confuse a gripe or complaint with a grievance.

Grievance

A grievance is a violation of the collective bargaining agreement (your contract) between the Hillsborough County Public Schools and the Union. If you believe you have a grievance, contact the president as soon as possible. It is important to maintain the timelines outlined in Article V of the contract.



Complaint

A complaint is not a violation of the contract. Although an employee may believe they are being treated unfairly, if there is no contractual violation, there is no grievance.

Gripe

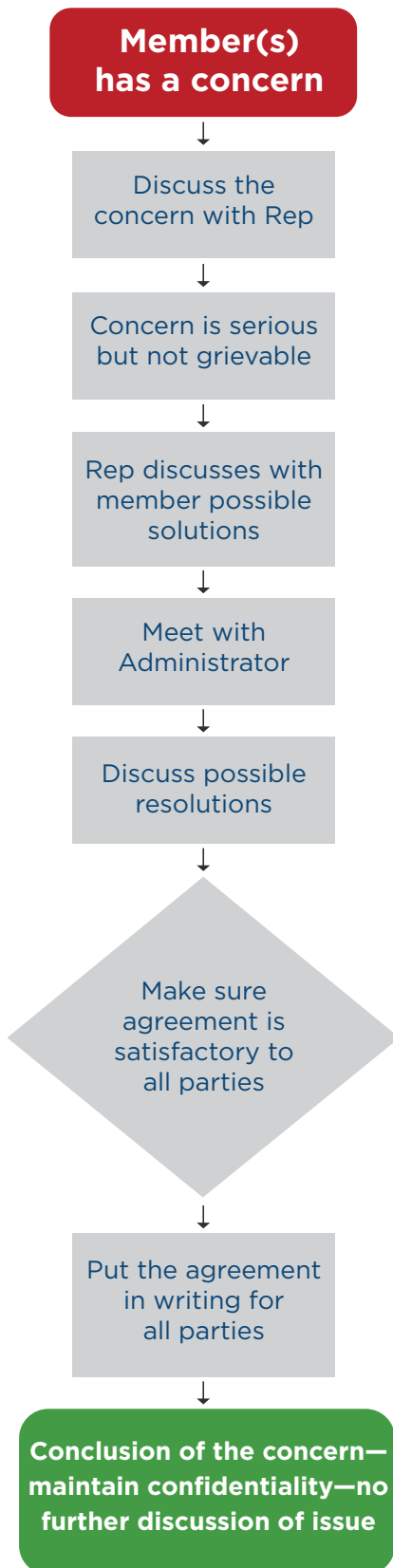
What is a gripe? A gripe is something you believe may be unfair or unjust but is neither unlawful nor a violation of the contract. For example, your new principal never smiles or greets you in the morning, but your last principal was a very warm person who greeted the employees every day. There is nothing legal nor contractual that mandates the new principal behave in a similar fashion. If there is not a contractual violation, there is no grievance.



The moral of the story...

If you have an issue and you are not sure whether it's a grievance, complaint, or gripe, contact your worksite representative to inquire!

CHECKLIST FOR HANDLING MEMBER CONCERNS



Basic Preparation for any Member concern

- Get all the facts and information from the support person or teacher who has the complaint.
- Get details—for example, dates, examples, witnesses, correspondence, etc.
- Ask probing questions so that you can get the full story on the issue.
- Be sure to take notes so that you have a record and can check back to verify the facts.
- Get additional facts to support the complaint.
- Check School Board policies and regulations.
- Determine whether or not the concern is a grievance.

If the complaint is NOT grievable (does not violate the contract)

- Explain to the support person/teacher why his/her complaint is not grievable. Then follow the process in the flow chart to the left.
- The rep then acts as a facilitator or mediator.
- Advise the member that he/she may contact the local office; however, it is preferable that they work through you.

If the complaint IS grievable (violates the contract)

- Determine which Article (s) of the contract has been violated.
- Gather supportive data.
- Determine the remedy/settlement sought by the grievant.
- Discuss the problem informally within 30 days of the violation with the principal or immediate supervisor in order to reach a settlement.
- If no agreement or settlement is reached, talk with the president or staff person about filing a level I grievance.



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MEMBER COMPLAINT/CONCERN FORM

This is an internal document.

So that we may provide you with the most productive assistance, use this document as a guide for gathering information before contacting HCTA for assistance. See pages 16-17 for additional information.

NAME: _____ MEMBER? Yes () or No ()

WORK SITE: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____ DATE OF INCIDENT: _____

Have you contacted your Principal? Yes () or No ()
Date contacted: _____

Have you contacted your Building Rep? Yes () or No ()
Date contacted: _____

Concern/Issue:

Is this concern a contract violation: Yes () or No ()

If you answered yes to this question, then please explain how your rights were violated.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOPAY TODAY!



TALKING POINTS FOR DECERTIFICATION

Losing the contract and collective bargaining rights could mean...



INCREASED DUTY

This was proposed by the district in 2023-2024 negotiations. HCTA bargained to protect staff from this.



LOSS OF PLANNING

This was proposed by the district in 2023-2024 negotiations. HCTA bargained to protect planning time.



FORCED TRANSFERS

Forced transfers to fill vacancies has been sought after in legislation. HCTA along with FEA have fought against this.



LOSS OF AUTONOMY

District proposed to mandate the format, requirement, and submission of lesson plans. HCTA fought this and won.



LOSS OF VOICE

Decision-makers from the School Board to the worksite will be able to do what they want without input from employees.



STAGNANT WAGES

Loss of collective power means loss of ability to impact a living wage. Wages could remain stagnant...or worse!



LOSS OF JUST CAUSE

Without the ability to file grievance, true "just cause" will be unenforceable. There will be no accountability for decision-makers.



NO EQUITY

Without a contract, working conditions will reflect individual site leader's priorities meaning NO equity across the district.

It's Simple. No Union. No Choice.
To stand with your colleagues and join, scan the QR Code.



BENEFITS



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- Stay away from predatory lenders!
- Apply in minutes

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BENEFITS



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2024-2025 HILLSBOROUGH CTA WORK SITE CLUSTERS

Cluster 1 - Organizer, Tara Gonzalez Advocate, Pam Jufko		Cluster 2 - Organizer, Chris Rusnak Advocate, Vincent Jones	
Adum K-8	Mabry Elementary	Adult & Community Ed.	Maniscalco K-8
Alexander Elementary	Macfarlane Park Elementary	Benito Middle	Mendenhall Elementary
Alonso Senior High	Madison Middle	Blake Senior High	Middleton Senior High
Anderson Elementary	Maintenance West	Bowers-Whitley	Miles Elementary
Ballast Point Elementary	Martinez Middle	Buchanan Middle	Mort Elementary
Bay Crest Elementary	Mckitrick Elementary	Caminiti Exceptional Center	Muller Elementary
Bellamy Elementary	Mitchell Elementary	Carver Exceptional Center	Nature's Classroom
Ben Hill Middle	Morgan Woods Elementary	Chamberlain Senior High	North Tampa Alternative
Bryant Elementary	Northwest Elementary	Chiles Elementary	Oak Grove Elementary
Cannella Elementary	Pierce Middle	Clark Elementary	Pizzo K-8
Carrollwood K-8	Plant Senior High	Dorothy Thomas Ex. Center	Potter Elementary
Chiaromonte Elementary	Rampello Downtown	Edison Elementary	Pride Elementary
Citrus Park Elementary	Robinson Senior High	Erwin Technical Center	Riverhills Elementary
Claywell Elementary	Roland Park K-8	Ferrell Middle Magnet	Robles Elementary
Coleman Middle	Roosevelt Elementary	Forest Hills Elementary	Schwarzkopf Elementary
Crestwood Elementary	ROSSAC	Foster Elementary	Seminole Elementary
Davidson Middle	Sickles Senior High	Freedom Senior High	Shaw Elementary
Davis Elementary	Smith Middle	Gaither Senior High	Sheehy Elementary
Deer Park Elementary	Steinbrenner Senior High	Gary Adult Center	Sligh Middle Magnet
Dickenson Elementary	Tampa Bay Boulevard Elem.	Greco Middle	Stewart Middle Magnet
Dunbar Elementary	Tinker K-8	Head Start Program	Sulphur Springs K-8
Egypt Lake Elementary	Town and Country Elem.	Heritage Elementary	Tampa Bay Tech
Essrig Elementary	Virtual	Hospital and Homebound	Tampa Palms Elementary
Farnell Middle	Walker Middle Magnet	Hunters Green Elementary	Temple Terrace Elementary
Gorrie Elementary	Webb Middle	James Elementary	Turner/Bartels K-8
Grady Elementary	West Shore Elementary	King Senior High	Twin Lakes Elementary
Hammond Elementary	West Tampa Elementary	Leary Technical College	Wharton Senior High
Jefferson Senior High	Westchase Elementary	Lake Magdalene Elem.	Williams Middle Magnet
Lanier Elementary	Wilson Middle	Lewis Elementary	Witter Elementary
Lavoy Exceptional Center	Woodbridge Elementary	Liberty Middle	Woodson K-8
Leto Senior High		Lutz K-8	
Lowry Elementary		Maintenance Central	

ABOUT HCTA CLUSTERS

The purpose of the cluster system is to support HCTA's strategic objective of building power at work sites throughout the district. If your work location is not listed on this document, contact the Cluster Organizer in whose geographic area you work. Each cluster is assigned a Cluster Organizer whose role is to assist members and building representatives in growing a vibrant union culture at the site, and a Cluster Advocate to assist HCTA members experiencing problems at the work site or with the district. In the event a member is experiencing problems they should **first** work with their building representative. If staff assistance is needed with representation issues, grievance consultation, contract questions, etc., **contact the HCTA office directly** at 813-238-7902 for help or to be assigned the appropriate Advocate.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the HCTA Cluster Organizers and Cluster Advocates are:

Cluster 1

Tara Gonzalez – Cluster Organizer
Pam Jufko – Cluster Advocate

Cluster 2

Chris Rusnak – Cluster Organizer
Vincent Jones – Cluster Advocate

Cluster 3

Megan Young – Cluster Organizer
Rachelle Brown – Cluster Advocate

Cluster 4

Erin Morgan – Cluster Organizer
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Aparicio-Levy Technical Center	Marshall Middle	Alafia Elementary	Mintz Elementary
Armwood Senior High	McDonald Elementary	Apollo Beach K-8	Mulrennan Middle
Bailey Elementary	Memorial Middle	Barrington Middle	Nelson Elementary
Brandon Senior High	Migrant Education Service Center	Belmont Elementary	Newsome Senior High
Brandon Success Center	Oak Park Elementary	Bevis Elementary	Pinecrest Elementary
Brewster Technical Center	Orange Grove Middle Magnet	Bing Elementary	Progress Village Middle Magnet
Broward Elementary	Palm River Elementary	Bloomington Senior High	Randall Middle
Bryan Elementary	ISC	Boyette Springs Elementary	Reddick Elementary
Burnett Middle	Plant City Senior High	Brooker Elementary	Riverview Elementary
Burney Elementary	Robinson Elementary	Buckhorn Elementary	Riverview Senior High
Colson Elementary	Schmidt Elementary	Burns Middle	Rodgers Middle
Cork Elementary	Seffner Elementary	Cimino Elementary	Ruskin Elementary
Desoto Elementary	Shore Elementary	Claire Mel Elementary	Sessums Elementary
Dover Elementary	Simmons Career/Exceptional	Collins K-8	Shields Middle
Durant Senior High	Springhead Elementary	Corr Elementary	South County Career Center
Folsom Elementary	Strawberry Crest Senior High	Cypress Creek Elementary	Spoto Senior High
Franklin Middle Magnet	Sullivan Partnership School	Dawson Elementary	Stowers Elementary
Graham Elementary	Tampa Heights Elementary	Doby Elementary	Summerfield Crossing Elementary
Hillsborough Senior High	Thonotosassa Elementary	Dowdell Middle Magnet	Summerfield Elementary
Jackson Elementary	Tomlin Middle	East Bay Senior High	Sumner Senior High
Jennings Middle	Transportation Office	Eisenhower Middle	Symmes Elementary
Kenly Elementary	Trapnell Elementary	Eisenhower Exceptional Ctr.	Technology Operations Center
Knights Elementary	Turkey Creek Middle	Fishhawk Creek Elementary	Thompson Elementary
Limona Elementary	Velasco	Florida Instructional Materials Center	Valrico Elementary
Lincoln Elementary	Walden Lake Elementary	Frost Elementary	Wimauma Elementary
Lockhart Elementary	Washington Elementary	Gibson Elementary	Yates Elementary
Lomax Elementary	Waters Career Center	Giunta Middle	York PK-8
Lopez Elementary	Willis Peters Exceptional Center	Ippolito Elementary	
Lopez Exceptional Center	Wilson Elementary	Kingswood Elementary	
Maintenance East	Young Middle Magnet	Lamb Elementary	
Mango Elementary		Lennard Senior High	
Mann Middle		Lithia Springs Elementary	

ABOUT HCTA CLUSTERS

The purpose of the cluster system is to support HCTA's strategic objective of building power at work sites throughout the district. If your work location is not listed on this document, contact the Cluster Organizer in whose geographic area you work. Each cluster is assigned a Cluster Organizer whose role is to assist members and building representatives in growing a vibrant union culture at the site, and a Cluster Advocate to assist HCTA members experiencing problems at the work site or with the district. In the event a member is experiencing problems they should **first** work with their building representative. If staff assistance is needed with representation issues, grievance consultation, contract questions, etc., **contact the HCTA office directly** at 813-238-7902 for help or to be assigned the appropriate Advocate.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the HCTA Cluster Organizers and Cluster Advocates are:

Cluster 1

Tara Gonzalez – Cluster Organizer
Pam Jufko – Cluster Advocate

Cluster 2

Chris Rusnak – Cluster Organizer
Vincent Jones – Cluster Advocate

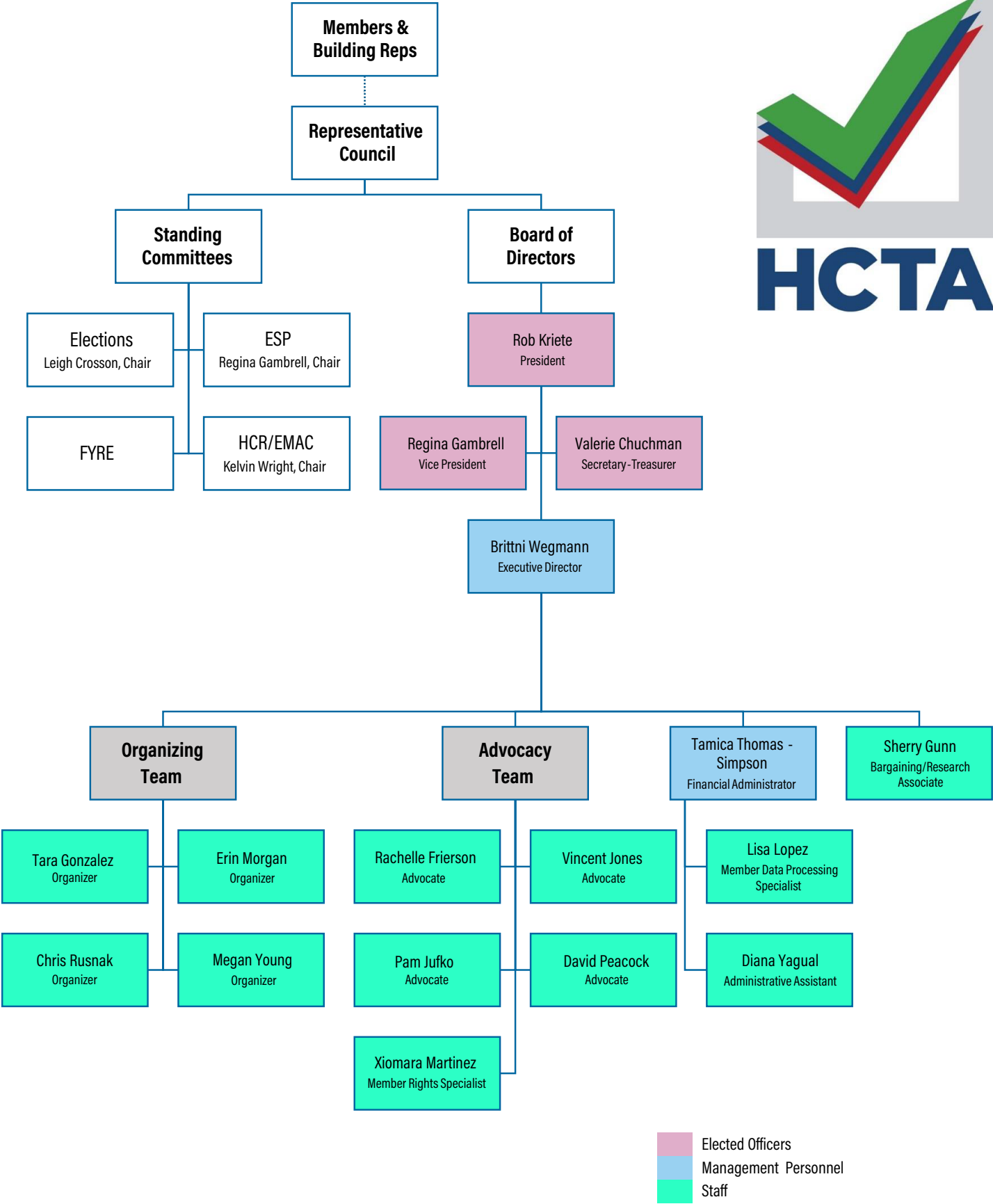
Cluster 3

Megan Young – Cluster Organizer
Rachelle Brown – Cluster Advocate

Cluster 4

Erin Morgan – Cluster Organizer
David Peacock – Cluster Advocate

Hillsborough CTA Organizational Chart





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Website: www.hillsboroughcta.org

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Instagram: @hillsboroughCTA

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/HillsboroughCTA

FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Florida Education Advocate:
FEA's news magazine.

Web Site: www.feaweb.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/schoolsapriority

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

AMERICAN TEACHER:
AFT's monthly newspaper.

AMERICAN EDUCATOR:
AFT's quarterly professional journal.

PSRP REPORTER: AFT's quarterly publication of the AFT Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel Division.

Web Site: www.aft.org

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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

NEA Today: The NEA's Flagship Publication

Web Site: www.nea.org

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