RT Alderman Parent Council / Association

**Special Meeting**

October 13, 2016

RTA School Library @ 7:00 PM

**Suspension of the RT Alderman Parent Council and RTA Parent Association!**

**The unprecedented opening of a number of new schools in the same year coupled with the low parent involvement in school council has resulted in many key council positions being left vacant.**

Vacant positions include:

Executive

Chairperson

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Coordinator (s)

Volunteer Coordinator

CAPSC Rep

Communications Coordinator

Fundraising Coordinator

This meeting is scheduled to either fill the required vacant positions or vote on suspending both the RTA Parent Council and the RTA Parent Association until the following school year in accordance with Section 7.16(1) of the School Councils Regulation and the establishment of an Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 7.16(2) of the School Councils Regulation. In addition, if no council or association is established all fundraising activities will be suspended for the 2016-17 school year.

RT Alderman’s Parent Council has been an essential part of your child’s learning experience at RTA School since its inception. And **this meeting will give parents or guardians of children in all grades one LAST opportunity to keep the Council and Association Active**.

If you see value in having a school council and association to help enhance your child’s learning environment please consider filling these very important positions and attending the Special Council and Association meeting on October 13, 2016 @ 7:00 PM in the RTA School Library.

**What does suspending the council mean to you?**

Without fundraising we are not able to support our children with increased access to technology or help support parents with the costs associated with extracurricular activities such as author visits, bussing for fieldtrips, and many other school initiatives that expose your child to more than just the standard curriculum.

Finally, if we continue to lose those few parents that have dedicated so much time and effort to RT Alderman School over the years we lose the ability to manage the large number of volunteers needed to support all of the school activities our children so enjoy. Field trips chaperones, science fair judges, exam scribes/readers, club/sport team support are all vital roles that parents play which enables the school to offer such a rich learning environment but with no one to manage all of the volunteers, implement fundraising ideas, or overseeing our financials we are destined to fail.

If you choose to participate in this worthwhile cause you will not be expected to figure things out on your own. The current team has done an amazing job of setting up processes that minimize the workload on any one individual and are more than willing to assist as needed.

**Please don’t miss out on the opportunity to play an active role in your child’s education. We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Interested in volunteering for one of the above positions**

**Please do not hesitate to contact us.**

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