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Leadership Fellows Celebrate 10 Years

Educators gather to toast the occasion, share memories

The 2008-09 class of Leadership Fellows will be welcomed by alumni of the program as members of all ten classes gather to celebrate **10 years of Leadership Fellows** at The Mill Event Hall, 1601 Gulf Street, on Tuesday, September 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Almost 300 Hamilton County educators have participated in the PEF Leadership Fellows program since it began in 1998. This joint effort between PEF and Hamilton County Schools has helped prepare a new generation of leaders, many of whom have been selected for key positions throughout the district. These include:

- 41 Principals
- 45 Assistant Principals
- 59 Teacher Leaders, including Change Coaches, Consulting Teachers, Lead Teachers and Literacy Coaches

“The Leadership Fellows program has helped cultivate dynamic school leaders across the district,” says Hamilton County schools superintendent Dr. Jim Scales. “This leadership training has given these educators strong tools for leading significant improvements in our schools. We look forward to continuing our partnership with PEF to offer this training to even more teachers and administrators.”

The year-long, twenty-day Leadership Fellows program is designed to give emerging school leaders in Hamilton County the skills and knowledge needed to participate in decision-making and school improvement. Serving around 30 educators per year, the program involves monthly workshops, job shadowing, school visits, mentoring, study groups, leadership projects, presentations and a portfolio. Leadership Fellows are chosen through a strict selection process by a committee that includes a principal, an HCDE Central Office staff member and a community representative.

“Leadership Fellows creates a community of positive-thinking professionals who are committed to improving all of Hamilton County schools,” says Carlene Conway, Curriculum Coach at Red Bank Middle School and a graduate of the 8th class of Leadership Fellows. “The program made me aware of my strengths as a leader and showed me how to use my personal leadership style to improve teaching and learning at my school.”

Leadership Fellows has been generously funded for the last 10 years by the Annenberg Foundation and other local foundations and donors. As PEF looks to sustain and expand this highly successful program, over 90 Leadership Fellow alumni have already contributed to an endowment fund as members of a Founding Supporters Circle.

About PEF

Since 1988, the Public Education Foundation has provided expertise, leadership and financial support for a wide range of programs and reforms in the areas of curriculum and instruction, community and family engagement and leadership. This work represents an investment of more than \$40 million in the academic success of Hamilton County's public school students.

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