



Public Education Foundation  
100 East Tenth Street, Suite 500  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

(423) 265-9403 phone  
(423) 265-9832 fax  
[www.pefchattanooga.org](http://www.pefchattanooga.org)

February 17, 2009

Contact: Frances Haman-Prewitt  
648-4442

## 12 Schools Win Book Club Award

### *Faculties meet regularly to discuss and enhance leadership lessons*

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the Public Education Foundation has been able to grant awards of up to \$1,000 each for 12 Hamilton County public schools to develop faculty book clubs. These funds will purchase books to help participating faculty members learn more about skills for school leadership and improvement. Book titles include *Rigor is not a Four-Letter Word*; *What Great Teachers Do Differently*; *Results Now*; and *Why Are School Buses Always Yellow: Teaching for Inquiry*, among others. Many applicants have chosen books that will dovetail with professional development already in progress in their schools.

“Forming book clubs on their own time is just one more indication of how committed Hamilton County teachers are to doing the best job possible in the classroom,” says PEF President Dan Challenger. “The Public Education Foundation is proud to support these educators and their work.”

2009 Book Club schools are:

- Apison Elementary
- Brown Academy
- CSAS
- Hixson Elementary
- Lakeside Academy
- Normal Park Museum Magnet Upper School
- Red Bank High
- Sale Creek Middle/High School
- Snow Hill Elementary
- Soddy Daisy Middle
- Tyner Middle Academy
- Wallace A. Smith Elementary

### **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, professional development and school leadership. This work represents an investment of more than \$50 million in the academic success of Hamilton County’s public school students.