



Dear Parents,

Greetings! My name is Patrick Meraz and I would like to welcome you to the Horizon Academy Parent Association, also known as HAPA. It is my honor to be the 2018-2019 HAPA President. This organization provides a community of support, information, and friendship among the families and staff at Horizon Academy. The parent community at Horizon Academy not only provides support for one another, but also serves as a resource to assist you in advocating for your child's academic success. HAPA is only successful by *your* involvement.

My personal goal for HAPA this year is two-fold. First, to have an active organization where there is a place for everyone to be involved at levels conducive to personal schedules. Secondly, I would like the HAPA Board to work with each of you to enhance your relationship with the school and its mission and to understand how important this mission is for children and families throughout the metropolitan area.

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Horizon Academy and it will be filled with excitement! As a parent of three children attending Horizon Academy, my wife and I have seen an amazing transformation and growth for such a short period of time. We have seen similar growth in many of their classmates as well. We are excited to see all they will achieve in their bright futures.

Several times throughout the year, HAPA asks for financial or in-kind donations. Based on parent feedback we have decided to streamline the multiple donation requests into one. I ask that each family make a one-time, tax-deductible donation of \$100 to HAPA. This is inclusive of the \$25 HAPA fee, \$25 for field trips, \$25 towards Aloha Lunches for the staff, \$25 for your child's class gift and a wine or whiskey donation for the annual Bayou Bash.

On behalf of the HAPA Board, I will send out an email with more information of ways to get involved in early August. There are many different ways to get involved that will utilize your time and talents.

I look forward to meeting each of you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Meraz  
HAPA President