

Dear Galileo Family Members:

The Galileo Academy of Science & Technology is in the process of preparing to hold elections for this year's School Site Council (SSC). District regulations require that these important elections must be completed at the start of the school year. We would like to invite you to nominate yourself, or another interested parent, to be added to this year's ballot. Currently we anticipate having one open parent position on Galileo's 2017 - 2018 SSC.

As you may already know, a School Site Council (SSC) must be established at all San Francisco Unified School District public schools. The elected members represent parents, students, community members, and school staff in school governance. The SSC is responsible for the development of the Balanced Score Card and the overall school site budget including any categorical funds. The SSC is expected to:

- Review the SFUSD Strategic Plan – *Transform Learning. Transform Lives.*
- Review and analyze student data.
- Solicit community input and develop a needs assessment.
- Assist the principal in developing the Academic Plan and school site budget.
- Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Academic Plan on an ongoing basis.
- Approve the Academic Plan and school site budget before it is submitted to the District for final review and approval.

The SSC is needed to support all school programs at schools and you are invited to become a candidate for membership on the council. The school and district are responsible for providing you with the information and training you need to be an effective member and will provide assistance throughout the year.

Generally, the SSC meets once a month for two hours on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 pm. Each SSC member is elected for a 2-year term and the election is scheduled for October 18th, 2017 at the PTSA meeting at 5:30 pm in the school's Cafeteria. Parents often offer valuable insights on how effective our school is in creating a positive learning environment and how well their children understand their assignments. Perspectives and parent participation/involvement are important to our school and we encourage you to consider running for one of the positions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Tami Benau, Principal at (415) 749-3430

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY Friday, October 13th. Are you employed by the San Francisco Unified School District? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no

My children who attend this school are:

Name Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone

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I am interested in running for:

\_\_\_\_\_ School Site Council (SSC)