

The reality is this: *Without all of us, there just isn't enough!* Our community must work together to provide high-quality education for our students. **For Kids!** and your school PTA are both critical elements in a well funded educational program.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>for kids!</b> <b>SM/FC Ed Foundation</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PTA</b></p>
<p>Funds district – wide programs, which may include salaries as well as supplies.</p>	<p>Funds school specific programs, generally not used for contract salaries.</p>
<p>Operates in a cost efficient manner by spreading resources across either our 16 elementary schools or our 4 middle schools.</p>	<p>Works closely with School Site Council to support supplemental programs and activities.</p>
<p>Brings together the San Mateo and Foster City Communities to support our schools, including those that are not “school families.”</p>	<p>Brings together “school families” to support the school.</p>
<p>Board of Directors is made up of parents, community members, teachers, principals, administration, School Board representatives, and business leaders.</p>	<p>Officers are generally school parents though teachers and administrators may join.</p>
<p>Seeks to build a sense of community among all of the School District students, teachers, administrators, parents, city leaders and business leaders.</p>	<p>Seeks to build a “school identity” and to develop community within the school.</p>
<p>Benefits from long-term commitments from Board Members and consistency in staff, which promotes a long-term view. Board members are not limited to involvement while their children are enrolled in a specific school.</p>	<p>Often experiences turnover in Officers, which creates a dynamic, immediately responsive team. Officers are intimately connected with their schools as a result of having children enrolled.</p>
<p>Has the ability to respond quickly and to be flexible in meeting program needs, since general fund money may be allocated as needed.</p>	<p>Raises funds for specific projects and short-term needs which promotes investment on the part of donors.</p>
<p>Seeks input from school community to prioritize gifting of funds raised annually.</p>	<p>Member of National PTA and functions under specific guidelines put forth by the organization.</p>
<p>Advocates and provides for all children of the San Mateo/Foster City School District Regardless of ability to contribute.</p>	<p>PTA is a volunteer organization dependent on availability of volunteers. Not all schools have equal resources to maintain an active PTA.</p>