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**HILLSBOROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Foundation names Board officers for the 2009-2011 term

(June 3, 2009) TAMPA -- The Hillsborough Education Foundation Board of Directors elected the proposed slate of officers at the Annual Meeting, held Wednesday, June 3. The newly-elected members will serve in their roles for a two-year term, ending in the summer of 2011.

Former Vice Chairman Michael C. Poland, of Ernst & Young LLP, will serve as Chairman. Poland began his work on the Foundation's Board of Directors in 2001 and will replace outgoing Chairman George E. Seegers, who served in the role since 2007. Christine Smith of Mosaic Fertilizer LLC will replace Poland as Vice Chairwoman. R. Duane Johnson of the Northern Trust Bank of Florida returns for another term as Secretary, as does John Brannan of Dwight Darby & Company for another term as Treasurer.

Members at-large, as selected by the incoming Chairman, are: Luis Garcia of Garcia & Ortiz, P.A., Gordon Gillette of TECO Energy, Inc., and Kevin H. Sutton of Hill Ward Henderson.

"Our Board has a rich history of personal involvement from strong community leaders," said Bill Hoffman, President of the Hillsborough Education Foundation. "We believe this has been the key ingredient to our success over the past 20 years. We look forward to continuing to serve the students, teachers, and schools of Hillsborough County with our new board leadership."

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Information on Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc:

The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students achieve academic success. The Foundation, now celebrating 20 years of serving the students, teachers and schools in our community has invested more than \$66 million for enhancement of education. The Foundation annually raises over \$5 million and fulfills its mission via programs such as College, Career & Technical Scholarships, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, Take Stock in Children Mentoring, School Enrichment, and Excellence in Education programs as well as other resource programs to benefit those we serve.