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## **SCHOOL DISTRICT KICKS OFF EMPOWERING EFFECTIVE TEACHERS GRANT**

*Hillsborough Education Foundation hosts reception recognizing grant award*

**Who:** Hillsborough Education Foundation, Hillsborough County Public Schools

**What:** Empowering Effective Teachers Reception

**When:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Jefferson High School      4401 W. Cypress St. Tampa

(December 7, 2009) TAMPA – On November 19 Hillsborough County Public Schools marked an exciting day in its history when it was awarded a \$100 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In recognition of this accomplishment, the Hillsborough Education Foundation will host the *Empowering Effective Teachers Reception* on Thursday, December 10 at Jefferson High School.

Local business leaders, community supporters, and government officials received invitations to attend to kick off the seven-year process to improve teacher effectiveness in Hillsborough County Public Schools. The evening will include a presentation with school district officials and foundation staff, acknowledging the individuals involved in the application process and addressing what this opportunity means for education in the district.

The *Intensive Partnerships to Empower Effective Teachers* grant will bring together the School Board, Hillsborough Classroom Teachers' Association, and the school district to develop the programs and strategies that will support effective teaching in the county's public schools. The Hillsborough Education Foundation will serve as fiscal agent for the grant and work to engage and communicate with the community about the progress made through this opportunity.

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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.