

# **AGATE of Port Washington**

## ***Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education***

### **Membership Application 2007 - 2008**

**AGATE** is a parent- and educator-based HSA (Home and School Association) working within the Port Washington school district to encourage an appropriate and challenging education for all children, with a particular emphasis on coursework to meet the needs of the high-ability child. It supports curriculum differentiation K–12 and accelerated and honors classes at the secondary level, among other initiatives. **AGATE** also serves as a community resource, and looks for ways to open communication among parents, teachers and administration on issues concerning all aspects of education that enable students to reach their potential.

**AGATE** of Port Washington, established in 1993, is a local chapter of AGATE in New York State, Inc., which has been serving gifted children, parents and teachers since 1976.

#### **What do we do?**

- ❖ Work to ensure that each child is educated to his/her fullest potential
- ❖ Advocate for the needs of the high-ability child
- ❖ Sponsor parent education meetings
- ❖ Track developments outside the district and bring relevant information back to members
- ❖ Bring issues to faculty, administration, and current /prospective members of the School Bd
- ❖ Keep the broader PW community informed about gifted education
- ❖ Act as a support group for parents dealing with specific concerns
- ❖ Write to our elected officials to seek support for gifted programs in New York State
- ❖ Hold annual Meet the Candidates Night for PW School Board Election
- ❖ Sponsor annual scholarship for high achieving graduating Schreiber HS seniors

#### **Why join AGATE?**

- ❖ Be updated regularly on critical issues affecting your children
- ❖ Leverage the power of a group focused on gifted and talented education
- ❖ Learn from current and previous generations of parents who have dealt with similar issues
- ❖ Meet parents with common interests
- ❖ Strengthen your connection to administration and policy makers
- ❖ Be kept informed of legislation on gifted education
- ❖ Have your voice heard

**We welcome your participation! Your membership counts!!**

For more information, write to [agatepw@gmail.com](mailto:agatepw@gmail.com) . Contact co-president Corbey Hyman at 767-7928 or [chyman@skadden.com](mailto:chyman@skadden.com) and co-president Sue Sturman at 883-7892 or [epicurean@sturman.com](mailto:epicurean@sturman.com) . Call membership chair Bea Helft at 365-5934.

Membership is \$20.00 for one academic year (from July 1 to June 30), or \$50.00 for 3 years. To become a member, return the application below. Please include all children, regardless of age.

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Name _____	Child's Name _____	School _____	Birthday _____	Grade _____
			(month/yr.)	
Address _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
New member _____	Renewal _____	_____	_____	_____
Home phone _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fax _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cell ph _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail (list addresses of all adult family members interested in receiving notices)				
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Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

What issues are of special concern to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am interested in getting more involved with AGATE. Please call me.

AGATE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit . Does your employer or that of your spouse offer matching funds? \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues:**

\$20 for 1-year membership / \$50 for 3-year membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship contribution \_\_\_\_\_  
Other voluntary contribution \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "AGATE of Port Washington". Mail to: AGATE of PW, c/o Bea Helft,  
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