

Chamber Goes Back To School

It's good to see an impressive response to an innovative program designed to help both schoolchildren and the local workforce.

Some 315 volunteers already have been trained to participate in "Diploma-see." People from various businesses spend time in eighth-grade classes, helping students understand the importance of an education in achieving later success.

The goal is to keep students in school and to strengthen the community's workforce.

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, which is working with Junior Achievement, Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance and the Hillsborough School District on the effort, has done an admirable job of generating support from the business community.

The testimony of successful individuals, whether accountants or auto technicians, should help eighth-graders better understand how much education can enrich their lives and expand their possibilities.