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Hello Fellow Parents,

This is my fourth year volunteering with AEF. Before I joined the organization, like many people, I never really understood its importance. However, when AEF contributed \$50,000 to the Measure A campaign last winter, the enormous impact of our donors' support and our volunteers' efforts was never clearer. This financial support was instrumental in passing Measure A, and the long-term impact is huge. Measure A will save many teaching positions, enhance the quality of our children's education, and benefit thousands of students over the next 18 years! This is unbelievable and now I really see why it is important to continue to support to AEF.

Beyond fundraising, AEF is an independent non-profit organization that provides other services to parents and the community. Without AEF, there would be no summer school, no mini-grants, and no Scrip program. AEF also coordinated a valuable community forum with our board of education candidates last February. AEF has been supporting our schools since 1981, and all Arcadians should continue supporting our great academic traditions by donating to AEF.

Public education funding is a complex subject, and I am still learning today. There are so many organizations asking for donations that it can be overwhelming and confusing. One thing that is clear is that there are funding gaps that will not be filled by the State and must be filled by us. AEF provides critical support in closing those gaps in our children's educational experience. Let's try our best to minimize the gaps, so our children can have the best education possible. (Please do support all other school-related fundraising efforts as well, e.g., PTAs, booster clubs, etc., which all serve important purposes.) We are extremely careful with your donations and ensure all spending is necessary and impactful to our kids.

In the past school year, AEF has provided and funded many programs, including:

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| • AUSD's emergency & communication messaging system | \$15,000 |
| • Scrip funds for classroom & school campus supplies at each site | \$39,000 |
| • Teacher mini-grants to enhance learning environments | \$30,000 |
| • Transitional counselors that help students | \$234,000 |
| • Arcadia's annual summer school program (1 st - 12 th grade) | <i>tuition-based</i> |

Here are ways you can support AEF and your children's education in AUSD:

- **Donate** by credit card online or by mailed check, and you are providing needed support to AUSD & your schools. (Remember to check if your **company matches** your donation!)
- **Shop Amazon.com** through the link on the AEF website. Accessing Amazon on the AEF website credits your shopping to AEF's Amazon affiliate account. (Please set your **AmazonSmile's** charity to AEF, so we will get an additional 0.5%!)
- **Buy Scrip gift cards** for all your routine purchases through AEF's Scrip program. Scrip earnings directly fund your student's school site. Scrip is also available for purchase with a credit card using the **Benefit mobile app**.
- **Encourage others**, your friends and family, to support AUSD and donate to AEF.

We want our children to receive the best education, and this is only possible with the financial support of all parents in Arcadia. I thank you in advance for your support and let us continue to improve Arcadia schools!

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you have **ANY** questions about AEF (e.g., annual appeal vs. endowment), how to volunteer at AEF, or how to donate to AEF, please contact us!



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亞凱迪亞學區的家長們好,

我是鄭博文, AEF 理事會會長。這是我第四年自願義工服務 AEF。在加入 AEF 組織之前, 我從來沒有真正了解它的重要性。然而, 去年冬天 AEF 捐款 5 萬美元給 Measure A 選舉活動時, 捐款者和義工一起努力所產生的巨大影響是如此的明顯。這種金援及支助有助於 Measure A 的通過, 而且它的長期影響是如此巨大。Measure A 挽救了許多教學職位, 提高學生教育質量, 並在未來 18 年中為數千名學生造福! 現在我真的明白為什麼要繼續支持 AEF。

AEF 是一個獨立的非營利組織, 除了籌款的活動外, 我們也為家長和社區提供其他服務。沒有 AEF, 就沒有暑期學校, 沒有小額教室補助金, 和沒有 Scrip。還有, AEF 在去年二月幫助我們的教育委員會候選人舉辦了一個寶貴的社區論壇。AEF 從 1981 年以來一直支持我們的學區。我們學區的每一位家長都應該支持 AEF, 這樣我們優秀的學術傳統才可以繼續。

公共教育經費是一個複雜的題目, 我自己到今天也還在學習。有許多學校組織要求捐款, 有時這有點讓人難以接受和令人困惑。不過, 有一件事是明確的, 就是資金缺口不會被政府填補, 因此我們家長必須幫忙填補。AEF 為縮小學校教育經驗中的差距提供了重要的支持。讓我們盡量減少差距, 使我們的孩子能夠有最好的教育。(同樣的, 請支持所有其他與學校有關的籌款, 例如 PTA, 各個社團俱樂部等) 我們會非常謹慎使用您的捐款, 並確保所有支出對我們的孩子都會有必要的影響力。

上個學年度, AEF 已經資助了許多專案, 其中包括:

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| • 緊急訊息通訊系統 | \$15,000 美元 |
| • 教室文具用品 (來自 SCRIP) | \$39,000 美元 |
| • 小額教室補助金 (發給特別項目) | \$30,000 美元 |
| • 過渡期輔導員 | \$234,000 美元 |
| • 暑期課程 (一年級到 12 年級) | 收學費制 |

您有很多方式可以支持學校, 讓我們的孩子教育經驗更加美好, 例如:

- **直接捐款:** 您可以上網用信用卡或寄支票捐款。(請記得看看您的公司是否會加倍您的捐款!)
- 使用下面的鏈接購買 **Amazon.com** 的商品, 可幫助 AEF 獲得小額的介紹費 (7-11%)。(請將您的 **AmazonSmile** 的慈善機構設為 AEF, 以便 AEF 額外獲得 0.5% 的獎勵!

[連結如右: tinyurl.com/AEFlink]

- **買 Scrip 禮品卡**來購買日常生活中用品, 就可獲得小額回饋直接給您孩子的學校。您還可以使用信用卡通過 **Benefit mobile APP** 購買 Scrip。
- **鼓勵您的家朋好友支持 Arcadia 聯合學區並捐贈給 AEF。**

如果我們希望我們的孩子接受最好的教育, 只有在亞凱的所有家長的支持下才有可能現實。 我非常感謝你的支持, 讓我們繼續改進亞凱迪亞學校!

敬祝 平安快樂,

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