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The Annual Giving Campaign launches this week

Our largest fundraising event of the year

Dear Chemene,

We have had three very successful events so far this year. Thank you to all families that attended and all volunteers who helped make these events successful:

- Our Auction Gala and Online Auction raised \$170,000
- Our 2nd Annual Art Auction raised \$32,000

Upcoming Event!

From computer technology to teacher training, your donation to the Annual Giving Campaign directly impacts your child's education in their classroom and beyond...



- Runs until March 25th
- Our goal for this event is \$300,000
- All classrooms that receives 80% participation will receive free frozen yogurt from Big Spoon Yogurt
- **New this year!** Directed giving. Fund a program of your choice.

Donate Now [here!!](#)

Make a one-time donation or a monthly reoccurring donation

ESF made front page news this week. Read about what your donation does for Eureka Schools [here](#).

- Last year we only had one-third of the families from our district participate in the Annual Giving Campaign.
- While a donation of any amount helps, if every family in the district gave \$300 (less than \$1 per day) we would reach our annual goal. **This would be enough to save all**

enrichment programs and aid the district in avoiding class sizes increases.

Please watch this important video regarding district budget cuts and how they will affect you [here](#)

Did you know that a private education in this area on average costs over \$10,000 per year, per child? That is only for tuition and does not include the additional donations the parents are asked for throughout the year.

Budget Cuts

Below are some facts you should be aware of and why it is important to donate to keep our district strong:

- Our children will suffer a \$1,210 drop in per pupil funding for the coming year due to the state budget deficit. If the Governor's proposal for extended taxes does not pass, this shortfall will be \$1,540
- This could mean district cuts in the amount of \$1.1 million to supplies, services and classroom programs.
- California ranks 47th in per pupil funding* and among the bottom 3 states in the nation in staff/student ratios**



*Education Week Quality Counts 2009

**EdSource 2010

What has EUSD already done?

Our district administration, PAAC committee and school board is doing all they can to keep our class sizes low and valuable teachers employed. They have:

- Added programs such as Blended Preschool, DK and TDK to bring in additional funding
- Spent \$4.37 million in reserves in the last two years alone
- Become more efficient by streamlining operations

Each week we will publish facts about the budget and our district. Be on the lookout for them in our weekly eblast as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

Coffee Chats and Town Hall

Our Coffee Chats and Town Hall Meetings have been very successful events. We have discussed several topics and taken note of several questions.



- We will be posting your questions and answers on the ESF and District websites so be on the lookout.
- Couldn't attend a Town Hall meeting? View the recorded version [here](#)

**Join us for our next coffee chat
Friday Feb. 25th from 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Greenhills Library**

Come ask questions and speak with us casually, one-on-one. There's only three left, see remaining dates [here](#).

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Thank you to our event sponsors Wells Fargo and P | H Associates



Volunteers

We still need volunteers to help in several areas for the success of our campaign, our students and our schools. Find out more information [here](#).

Thank you,
The Eureka Schools Foundation

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