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Los Alamitos USD

Educational Foundation

May 3, 2010

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware, the California state fiscal crisis has had a significant impact on education throughout our state. More specifically, budget cuts to education are increasing and school districts in California have had to take drastic steps to reconcile their own shrinking budgets. Los Alamitos Unified School District ("LAUSD") is no exception. For example, over the past two years the state has cut a staggering \$18.5 million from LAUSD's (our) operating budget. Unfortunately, these cuts will most likely continue over the next several years.

To maintain the high quality of education our students deserve, the LAUSD continues to take a proactive approach to fill growing budget gaps. Teachers, classified staff, and management employees are taking unpaid furlough days, saving the district \$2 million. An additional \$2 million will be tapped from LAUSD's reserve funds, and expenditures are being reduced across the board. ***Despite these measures, LAUSD needs increased parental support to maintain one of our most important educational principles: reduced class size. We are writing to ask you to support our 2010/2011 Annual Class Size Reduction Campaign!***

Thanks to the generosity of parents, last year our Class Size Reduction Campaign raised \$70,000 to reduce class sizes around the District. As a result, during the 2009/2010 school year, our District implemented the following class size reductions:

Elementary Schools received \$20,000 to help reduce class size:

- ❖ Because 4th and 5th grade classes ranged from 30-38 students, funds were used to hire credentialed teachers to work with small groups during math and language arts instruction.
- ❖ Each elementary school received funds based on the size of its 4th and 5th grade classes and designed its own program to fit their unique needs.
- ❖ In addition to the \$20,000, the District tapped \$2 million in reserve funds to maintain K-3 class sizes at 24 to 1. Without these funds, K-3 classrooms would have been 30 to 1.

School	Funds Received
Hopkinson	\$3,334
LAE	\$4,838
Lee	\$3,763
McGaugh	\$2,151
Rossmoor	\$2,366
Weaver	\$3,548

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Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools and Los Alamitos High School received \$50,000 to help reduce class size:

- ❖ Funds were used to support the advanced Math and Foreign Language instruction that some middle school students take at the high school.
- ❖ Six class periods were added in Math, Science, and English at the high school.

The 2010/2011 Annual Class Size Reduction Campaign

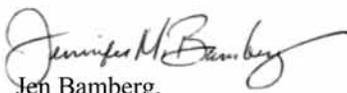
❖ **We are requesting a donation of \$225 per student. This amounts to just \$18.75 per month so that class sizes district-wide could be reduced back to 20 to 1 in grades K-3, and class averages could be lowered in grades 4-12 to a maximum of 35. It takes everyone's participation to reach those levels!**

- ❖ Funds received by June 15, 2010 will be used to calculate staffing for the 2010/2011 school year.
- ❖ Parents will be able to allocate at which level their funds will be distributed: "Elementary School", "Middle School", "High School", or "Not Designated."
- ❖ As a measure of impact, every \$17,000 raised can add one additional class period at the middle schools or the high school, and every \$75,000 raised can add another classroom at an elementary school.

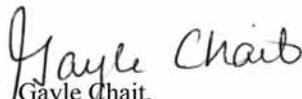
Reduced class sizes allow for more individualized student attention, fewer discipline problems, improved teacher morale, and the development of a stronger sense of connection to school, teachers, and classmates. **Please consider making a donation to reduce class sizes in our District! Donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your income taxes. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience or you can go to the Los Alamitos Unified School District Educational Foundation website: www.losaledfoundation.org and click on the "Class Size Reduction" tab to make your donation.**

We thank you in advance for your generosity . . . on behalf of our children!

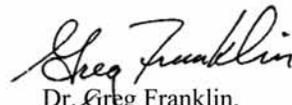
Your 2010/2011 Class Size Reduction Committee:



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Hopkinson Parent



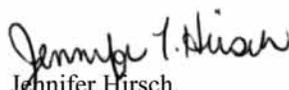
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McGaugh and Oak Parent



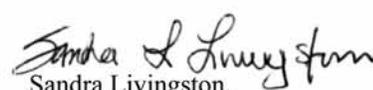
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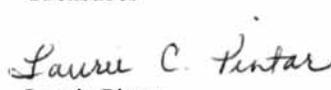
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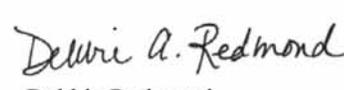
Sandra Livingston,
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Weaver Parent



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Rossmoor and McAuliffe Parent



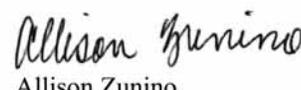
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