



one community campaign

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The middle school years are an exciting transition from elementary to high school for you and your family. Your children are more independent, and you naturally have less visibility into their day to day activities. Your contributions to the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation (MPAEF) and Hillview Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) create an important safety net for your child, allowing them to have a nurturing and supportive school community and resources on-site when they need it.

This Fall, all four district PTOs and the MPAEF have teamed up to create the One Community Campaign so you just need to make **one donation**. It's a huge step forward in simplifying the process to support our schools. Our goal for the One Community Campaign is **100% participation from all families** and we encourage you to donate at whatever level is possible for you. The **suggested donation is \$2,000 per student** - the first \$250 of which will go to Hillview's PTO and the balance of which will go to the MPAEF. *One gift. One goal. Together we can.*

The One Community Campaign supports:

Critical district wide programs such as:

- **31 teachers** in art, science, music and library
- A **15%** reduction in class size (*compared to CA average*)
- Cutting-edge **STEM** programs in the classroom
- **10** psychologists and counselors to provide a **mental health safety net** at every school. **At Hillview, there is a dedicated counselor for each grade level.**

Important programs at Hillview, including:

- **47 electives** spanning music to coding and over **20 teacher-led lunchtime clubs** where students can connect over common interests
- **Traditions that foster community**, including Grad night, Hawkpalooza, Relay for Life, and the Decades dance
- **After-school programs** such as drop-in Homework Center, Math Clinic and mentorship in HawkStars and Flight School

Why do we need to fundraise? As a community-funded district in our state, we rely on parents, like yourself, to support our schools. Property taxes only cover 62% of the cost to educate our children - the gap is \$4,500 per student, which is funded by parents and the community.

Why did we raise the ask from last year? This is the first time the MPAEF has increased our ask in 9 years, even though the cost to educate our children has risen 34% during the same time period.

Go to www.SupportMPCSD.org to learn more and to donate or pledge. If you're writing a check, please make it out to "MPAEF-PTO Community Campaign". Questions? Contact occ@mpcsd.org or (650) 325-0100. Thank you from our OCC parent volunteers!

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P.S. Don't forget about your company's corporate matching program - free money for our school!