



## for kids! fact sheet

*for kids!*, the San Mateo Foster City Education Foundation, is a volunteer organization made up of parents and community members with the purpose of raising funds for our schools. The funds we donate make a difference in the education of our children. The Foundation was founded in 1989 to help offset the shortfall in state funding to our schools. **Since 1992 the Foundation has donated more than \$2.4 million to the school district.**

**In 2008-2009 the need for additional funding is even more critical as the district faces the possibility of \$4.5 million in state budget cuts, a reduction of approximately \$450 per pupil.** Such a drastic cut would be devastating to the district's ability to fund programs like libraries, music and counseling.

**Our goal is 100% participation!**

### 2007-2008 CONTRIBUTIONS:

• Libraries – additional staffing for each school	\$76,000
• Music – Elementary classroom and instrumental music	\$52,500
Middle school music supplies	\$ 4,000
• Elementary School Counseling – clerical support	\$26,000
• Middle School Counseling Aides	\$ 8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$166,500</b>

### FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR 2008-2009

• Elementary Counseling Program support	\$40,000
• Middle School Counseling Program support	\$12,000
• Library Aides – additional hour	\$95,000
• Classroom & Instrumental Music - Elementary School	\$90,000
• Instrumental Music – Middle School	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$247,000</b>

### WHERE HAVE WE RAISED OUR MONEY?

**Bids for Kids** – annual auction and dinner/dance generated as much as 40% but a few years ago interest waned, providing less than about 25% of funds raised. This has been replaced by our phone bank.

**Annual Campaign** – previously, yearly solicitation letters were sent to parents and the community. In 2006-2007, due to the phone bank, parent contributions were 19%. A solicitation letter will continue to be sent to members of the San Mateo and Foster City communities, but the phone bank has replaced the letter to the parent community.

**Corporate And Business Donations** - donations from businesses and foundations make up about \$50,000 of our total fundraising or 25%. We need to improve parent participation in order to be eligible for grant money, corporate donations, and matching corporate donations.

**HOW DO WE COMPARE TO OUR NEIGHBORS?**

All of our surrounding school districts have long histories of Education Foundations. These districts have learned the important benefits derived from community fundraising that focuses on district-wide programming. The following highlights how much our neighbors raised last year.

	<u>Hillsborough</u>	<u>Belmont/ Redwood Shores</u>	<u>San Carlos</u>	<u>Burlingame</u>
Ed Foundation \$	\$3.2 million	\$354,100	\$938,047	\$675,000
\$ per student	\$2,227	\$ 141	\$ 337	\$ 288

**San Mateo-Foster City raised \$166,500 for 10,116 students.  
We can do better than that!**

Although we are the largest school district in San Mateo County, our district continues to receive a lower revenue limit rate compared to other revenue limit school districts. The chart below shows how we compared with other San Mateo County school districts in 2005-06.

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Revenue Limit per ADA (average daily attendance)</b>
<u>Ravenswood Elementary</u>	\$6,113.16
<u>Burlingame Elementary</u>	\$5,431.97
<u>San Carlos Elementary</u>	\$5,348.81
<u>Redwood City Elementary</u>	\$5,243.07
<u>Millbrae Elementary</u>	\$5,191.97
<u>Pacifica School District</u>	\$4,954.60
<b><u>San Mateo-Foster City Elementary</u></b>	<b>\$4,903.50</b>

**As you can see our school district receives more than \$1000 less per student than the highest similarly funded school district. Multiplied by our district’s 10,000 students that totals \$10 million less funding per year!**

Donate today and invest in the public education of all our students in San Mateo and Foster City, a much needed investment in our children’s future and our community’s future. For more information on the budget visit the district website [www.smfc.k12.ca.us](http://www.smfc.k12.ca.us) or call us at 650-312-7235.