



Report to Parents

September 2005

Thank you parents and community! Your overwhelming generosity to the 2005 KEEP campaign has enabled the school district to implement outstanding educational programs for all children. This new school year features teachers, programs and services that would not have happened without the KEEP campaign's success.

Where Did the 2005 KEEP Funds Go?

The KEEP Promise:

- Save 2 teaching positions
- Maintain K-8 smaller class sizes
- Restore 80% of CTE Electives
- Restore Reading Recovery to 80%
- Upgrade CTE Computer Lab
- Save Developmental PE
- Keep Student Counseling
- Keep Music & Arts at Loma
- Keep Library Services K-8
- Keep Yard Duty

You are invited to the November 2nd Town Hall Meeting at 7 pm hosted by Superintendent Henry Castaniada. Come hear about the 2006 District Financial Overview, and the need for the 2006 KEEP Campaign.

The KEEP Reality:

- Saved 2 teaching positions
- No Combination classes, average class size K-3: 20:1 students and 4-8: 26.4:1
- Restored 80% CT Electives
 - Spanish for 6, 7 & 8
 - Art
 - Speech & Debate
 - Technology
 - Yearbook
 - Current Events
 - Study Skills
- Reading Remediation for 1st graders who qualify
- Upgraded CTE Computer Lab, Implemented Technology Elective and Teacher Training
- Saved Loma Developmental PE
- Added Coordinator for CT Sports and Student Activities
- Kept Student Counseling
- Kept Music & Arts at Loma
- Kept Library Services, K-8
- Kept Yard Duty

2005-2006 Financial Report

KEEP Campaign Target: \$280,000
Amount Raised: \$299,947*
Actual Program Costs: \$269,000
Available Funds: \$30,947

Contributions:
Families: \$145,614
LPEF: \$100,000
Loma and CT H&S Clubs: \$54,333

Following the KEEP campaign process as previously outlined, Superintendent Henry Castaniada will meet with school groups seeking input on how to spend the balance of funds from the 2005 campaign. A final recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

*Net proceeds after expenses as of 9/15/05. Additional corporate matching funds and installment payments may increase this amount.

What is the 2006 KEEP Campaign Goal?

Planning is already underway for the 2006 KEEP Campaign, which will be chaired by Pat McGrath and Diane Matlock. According to Superintendent Castaniada, to maintain the same educational programs next year, we will need to raise an estimated \$280,000.

How will we do this? By working together! A coordinated year-long fundraising effort is planned by LPEF and the Home & School Clubs, culminating in the actual KEEP "cash" campaign that ends May 1, 2006. The suggested family contributions will be the same as last year: \$600 for one child and \$900 for more than one child. *However, assuming the same percentage of families participate this year, every family needs to approach this year with a new mission: combine your KEEP cash contribution with supporting other fundraising activities to reach a total contribution per family of \$1,200 for one child and \$1,800 for more than one child.*

What are the other fundraisers? The Gift Wrap Sale, The LPEF Auction at the Halloween Carnival, The Holiday Crafts Faire and the Jogathon. We know this is a huge commitment; we also know that our children deserve excellent educations. So, if you do not want to participate in any other fundraising events this year, consider your annual cash contribution to be either \$1,200 or \$1,800, which can be made anytime during the year, but no later than May 1, 2006. Attached to this update is a pledge form that will enable you to make three equal credit card payments during the year.

How you can help

The Keep Campaign needs you! Whether you have a few hours or are willing to take on a bigger job, we need you! Please call or email Pat McGrath, 353-2144 or pkmcgrath@aol.com or Diane Matlock, 353-1571 or DMatlock@verizon.net.

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