

Good News About Loma Schools

- Loma Prieta Elementary and CT English Middle School students consistently score well above California State standards.
- **Our students' test scores rank among the highest in Santa Clara County. In 2005, CTE was named one of the top ten middle schools in the county.**
- The School Board has consistently made commitments to maintain smaller class sizes and offer student enrichment programs utilizing current year funds and available reserves.
- Historically, the Loma Prieta community has supported student enrichment programs through the Parcel Tax and fundraising efforts by the Loma Public Education Fund and the Home & School Clubs.

Our Community cares deeply about what is best for our children. Many districts conduct annual financial campaigns to keep vital programs.

Our District Faces Challenges

- The State of California has reduced educational services to public education children by billions of dollars over the last four years.
- **In the last six years, district enrollment has dropped from 700 to 420 students. Cumulative lost income is expected to approach \$1.73 million.**
- Revenues from the State barely cover the cost of minimal core educational programs.
- Expenditures for mandated programs and services, including special education, exceed the revenues the district receives for those programs approximately \$210,000 in the current year.
- There can be no deficit spending next year; this will require raising \$280,000 by May 1, 2006 to maintain smaller class sizes, electives for CT English and critical student programs being funded this year by the proceeds from the 2005 KEEP campaign.
- The full KEEP program slate is \$314,000 to maintain valued programs and implement new ones.

The Road to Financial Health

- **Parents, administrators, and school support organizations have joined together to support the Keep Excellent Education Programs (KEEP) campaign sponsored by LPEF.**
- The Loma Public Education Fund (LPEF) is a non-profit corporation founded in 2001 committed to raising money to enhance the educational experience for all district students. Monies are awarded as specific program grants to the District and include accountability and measurement criteria.
- LPEF complements the Loma and CT Home and School Clubs, and is committed to active collaboration with all parent groups to best meet the District's needs.
- **For a complete listing of the 2005 Program grants visit: www.lpef.org.**
- Superintendent Castaniada began presenting recommendations for KEEP priorities in January 2006 and solicited input and feedback prior to the final slate being adopted on February 6, 2006.

How Were 2005 KEEP Proceeds Spent?

KEEP Programs Funded in 2005-2006:

- 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
 - Study Skills
- Reading Remediation for 1st graders who qualify
- Brand new CTE Computer Lab, Implemented Technology Elective and Teacher Trainer
- Saved Loma Developmental PE
- Added Coordinator for CT Sports and Student Activities
- Kept Student Counseling
- Kept Music & Art at Loma
- Kept Library Services, K-8
- Kept Yard Duty at 2004 levels

The 2006-2007 KEEP Priorities*:

- Save 2 teaching positions (\$150,000)
 - Smaller class sizes 4th–8th
 - CTE Elective Program Saved
- Restore Library Services (\$22,000)
- Save Developmental PE (\$53,000)
- Save Loma/CTE Student Counseling (\$12,000)
- Save Music, Visual & Performing Arts (\$15,000)
- Technology updates and upgrades (\$8,000)
- Create Loma Science Activity Lab (\$20,000)
- Add Foreign Language: 4th-5th grades (\$10,000)
- New Music Classes (\$14,000)
- New K-8 Library System (\$10,000)

*Programs are listed in priority order, program costs are estimates; actual costs will be determined by the district and approved by LPEF. The KEEP slate as listed is \$314,000.

Goals for the 2006 KEEP Campaign.

Our campaign goal is \$280,000 to keep current outstanding educational and enrichment programs and to allow the district to implement new programs.

How will we do this? By working together! A coordinated year-long fundraising effort is underway by LPEF and the Home & School Clubs, culminating in the actual KEEP “cash” campaign that ends May 1, 2006. The suggested family contributions are: \$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.*

Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Information and pledge forms are available in each school office and at www.lpef.org. The Loma Public Education Fund is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation.

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