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"Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world" — Maria Montessori

How do you assign a value to your children's education? Is there any way you can put a price on seeing your children becoming the people they are meant to be?

2014-15 Annual Fund

Bare-bones Budget
\$441,571.00

District Revenue
\$375,268.00

Goal to cover the Gap
\$62,000 (14%)

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Dear Montessori Families,

With the beginning of the school year comes the launching of the St Augustine Public Montessori School (SAPMS) annual fund.

As a public school charter school SAPMS receives funding from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the number of full-time students enrolled. As with all Florida public schools, we have had to make difficult choices to meet increasing state requirements without additional funding.

Our small charter school faces additional challenges. A school of 60 students does not have the advantages of scale that traditional or larger charter schools have. Other challenges result from our infancy as a school. Some of you have recently experienced the demands of preparing a new classroom to accommodate a modest increase in our student numbers. Facility and equipment costs will continue to increase as we continue our efforts to increase our student numbers and provide an adequate facility.

As SAMPS grows closer to our full-enrollment goal, we anticipate a stronger financial standing. We know that charter schools successfully completing three

years of operation are eligible for additional funds from the state. However, in order to meet our current budget, we independently must raise \$62,000.

Families are not required to contribute financially. However, we DO NEED YOUR help! We ask each family to contribute what they can in direct, private donations. We have divided our shortfall by the number of students (60) to determine the average amount per child that would need to be contributed to meet the goal. The average amount per child is about \$1200. If you are able and willing to contribute that amount, thank you very much! If you cannot contribute that amount, please consider a contribution that is within your means. A monthly donation is an option. You can help meet our goal by soliciting contributions from friends and family (local or remote), these donations are also very welcome. See [More Information](#) for links to donation instructions and request templates. Or see your mailing for printed materials.

Additional parent and board sponsored funding efforts will continue throughout the year. If we exceed our goal, we can do more!

As a former Montessori student put it, **"My years in Montessori were the best education I ever had!"** Let's make sure our children feel the same way.