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**PALO ALTO PARTNERS IN EDUCATION LAUNCH FIRST-EVER DISTRICT-WIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT  
WITH 'DONATION DAYS' AT EVERY PALO ALTO SCHOOL**

**Largest Ever Challenge Grant Doubles Every Donation --  
Funds To Add Resources For Science, Technology, Arts, And Counseling At Schools**

PALO ALTO, CA – NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – This week, Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE), the education foundation that raises funds to staff school programs across the Palo Alto Unified School District, will have hundreds of parent volunteers at local schools to raise awareness and dollars for the 2009-2010 PiE campaign. These 'Donation Days' will be held just before and after school as parents drop off or pick up kids, making it easy to also drop off a donation (times and locations vary by school). Donations this week will take advantage of the largest ever PiE challenge grant of \$250,000, doubling every dollar donated until November 20<sup>th</sup>.

"Support for PiE has been impressive with our year-to-date family participation higher than ever," said Lois Garland, president of Palo Alto Partners in Education. "In the face of so much state budget uncertainty, families have really rallied to support their local schools. We're grateful for all of those who have contributed and especially thankful for the volunteers who will be helping us spread the word this week."

PiE's campaign will raise dollars to support Palo Alto Unified School District's staffing for programs such as science enrichment, expanded technology and art courses, classroom aides and on-site counseling. The goal for the 2009-2010 campaign is to raise \$2.57 million.

**ABOUT PARTNERS IN EDUCATION:**

Palo Alto Partners in Education is a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation that enhances educational excellence for every student in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). It is the only foundation dedicated exclusively to raising funds for all PAUSD schools, and the only one whose contributions can pay for additional and much needed PAUSD teachers and staff. Since PiE's inception in 2004-2005, it has donated nearly \$11 million to Palo Alto Schools. For more information about PiE, please visit [www.papie.org](http://www.papie.org).

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