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Board of Directors
Partners in Education
Palo Alto Unified School District

Dear Board of Directors,

I have just received notice of your extraordinarily generous donation to my instructional program at Gunn High School. You cannot imagine how excited I am by this news! In the past, I have scoured the countryside looking for captioned versions of literary classics in order to ensure that my hearing impaired students received comparable exposure to the great works of literature as their hearing peers.

A filmed version of each novel is shown during the first week of each month during English class. Students are then given a packet of assignments pertaining to that novel. This allows me to cover eight additional novels each year - 32 extra novels during their high school careers.

Students look forward to each month's selection. They enjoy the break from the rigorous program of vocabulary reinforcement, grammar instruction, essay-writing practice and reading comprehension skills-training that is offered during the remaining three weeks' time.

Your invaluable assistance in making my program more successful will be appreciated for years to come. I personally appreciate the financial relief, as well! Please know that my students, their parents and I are in great debt to you, the Board of Directors of the Partners in Education Fund.

Very sincerely,

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