

April 30, 2018

Dear Thurgood Marshall Family,

I'm writing today because time is running out for some of the programs supported by the PTA at Thurgood Marshall. If we do not raise another \$50,000 in Annual Giving Fund donations by May 15, *we will have to cut part of the following expenses* we believe make our school a special place:

- The salary of Meghan Kaloper, the school Counselor, who creates and runs our Conflict Mediators program, Kindness Klub and social skills groups;
- Half of Librarian Merilee Hudson's salary, so that her work with our kids is **full time**;
- Half the cost of Literacy Tutors, who help students improve to grade-level reading;
- Drama curriculum for our classrooms, provided by Seattle Children's Theatre artists;
- Grants to teachers and staff for books, supplies and instructional materials; and
- Funds for many other activities, including Choir, movie nights, the Fall Dance, special parent-education programs, parent-led special-interest groups and outreach.

It is only through support from Thurgood Marshall families, relatives and friends that our students can benefit from these dedicated staff and these programs. If we don't raise the dollars, the School District will not pick up the slack.

Please open your heart and and your wallet. (If you have already given, consider raising your level of support.) If you have not yet given, we ask that you make a personally significant donation. *Our success will be based on gifts large as well as small.*

The PTA's budget choices must be made in the next 2 weeks. Please act today!

- Online with your credit card at tmlink.org.
- "Kid mail" to the TM Main Office, "Attention: Annual Giving Fund"
- USPS to Thurgood Marshall Annual Fund, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle, 98144.
- Transmission of appreciated stock. (Contact us at giving@tmlink.org.)

Sincerely yours,



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