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Dear Thurgood Marshall Families,

How exciting it is to be back in person at Thurgood Marshall (TM) for the 2021-2022 school year! While this school year is still very different than in years past, the Friends of Thurgood Marshall (FTME) are still supporting our children in every way we can.

Our Autumn fundraising is beginning. FTME has committed to raising \$50,000 this year (about \$115 per student) to fund programs at TM that will directly benefit our students. Our staff and community are putting in an amazing effort to meet the challenges of this year but, more than ever, we need your help! So far this year, we have raised approximately \$6,500, 13% of our total annual fund goal. To give perspective, FTME just paid \$7,010 in staff salary this quarter.

It is critical that FTME raises enough to fulfill our 2021-2022 budgeted commitments that fund:

- 20% of the salary for our librarian, Mr. Zetterberg, enabling him to be full time. Mr. Z provides literacy and computer education and is an expert at helping every TM student find the right books. He also runs the Global Reading Challenge program and book exchanges.
- Grants available to teachers and staff for classroom and school-wide needs, including classroom libraries, art supplies, playground equipment, and library books.
- Special performances at school assemblies, including Book-it Theatre, Tap Root Theatre, and musical groups.

Our organization has struggled to raise funds over the past few years. That means our ability to help our school has waned, including hiring additional tutors, supporting parent education events & speakers, and acquiring additional requested supplies and technology. In the past 3-4 years, we have utilized much of our savings and reserves to continue other vital commitments/programs. Without ample support this year, we will be unable to continue to do so in the future.

We understand the challenges of the past two years have been unbelievably difficult for our entire school community and the challenges continue this fall, but we ask, **if you can, to please give generously** to help provide an enriching and supportive school experience for all our kids.

Every donation, of any amount, will help our students. You will have a direct and positive impact on programs and resources that help all our children have the best possible school experience.

Give today by:

- Writing a check payable to Friends of Thurgood Marshall and mailing it to the school.
- **Donating by credit card - link [here](#).**

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact us at giving@tmlink.org.