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Dear Windsong Parents,

I hope that the fall season has been a great one for you and your loved ones. Spending time with friends and family permits me to reflect, listen and share childhood memories and stories. This in turn allows me to consider my work, the children's work and our work as humans. The outcome of these reflections is what compels me to approach you in this letter.

Your participation in the Annual Fund is significant to the work with our community's children and consequently the larger community. Guiding your children in their growth and development is the most important work there is and my efforts reflect this belief. I humbly ask that we have 100% Annual Fund participation from the Windsong community.

When you give to the Annual Fund, you help me in my work with your children. The Annual Fund pays for the costs of my continuing education, the A.M.I. refresher course, the Elementary Alumni Association Summer Conference, and numerous other workshops and opportunities for developing my skills in the classroom.

Renovations that produced a more open and spacious work space for our community, increased natural light and greater ease of observation was made possible by the Annual Fund. The changes in our classroom, in turn, resulted in the formation of the new library. None of this would have been possible without the Annual Fund!

The Annual Fund is what helps keep our school, not merely above average but uniquely excellent.

The Annual Fund shrinks the gap between the actual costs to keep the school functioning at the ideal level and our intentionally moderate tuition. To those of you who have already contributed to the Annual Fund, please know that I appreciate your support and that it means so much to my work. To those who have yet to participate please, please know that your participation will make a big difference and that any amount will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you,

Erik Rivas-Rivas