



Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation

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Dear Parent of a Mammoth Unified School District Student:

If you ask yourself what is the most important gift you can give your child, an excellent education surely comes near the top of the list. That is exactly what the Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation is trying to do. In working closely with the Mammoth Unified School District, and its new leadership, the Foundation is hoping to supplement programs and instruction that would otherwise not be possible due to budget constraints.

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The Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation was founded in 2009 after a generous donation was received to fund the creation of Independent Study Center at Mammoth High School, allowing for increased class offerings and academic flexibility. Moving forward, our goal is to raise funds through partnerships, events, and annual fund drives to have an impact on all of the school sites in the following areas: Language Pathways, College and Career Exploration, Academic Flexibility, Increased Class Offerings, Music, Arts and Technology. During the annual fund drives, money will be raised far enough in advance to allow the district to integrate the funds into their plan for the upcoming school year.

Public education in our country does not come without its challenges, but Mammoth schools have been making steady strides with improvements for all students. Mammoth Middle School received the California Distinguished School award in 2009, and this year, Mammoth High School is eligible to apply for the award. Last year, Mammoth High School was ranked in the top 4% of high schools nationwide by Newsweek Magazine. Tremendous progress has been made, but there is more work to be done.

There are many variables to providing an excellent education, but involved parents and community rank as one of the highest indicators of successful schools. **The Foundation is looking for 100% participation from our schools' parents in this fund drive.** We are asking you to commit to your child's education. Whether it is a little, or a lot, it is more important that you give, rather than the amount you give to this important cause.

Please help support the goal of providing an excellent education to your child or children. We are all in this together and together we can make a difference for our students, schools and community.

Sincerely,

Shanna Bissonette,
President

The mission of the Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation is to enhance educational excellence in the public schools of Mammoth Lakes through partnerships and fundraising to improve school culture, facilities and academic flexibility.