



Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation

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MAMMOTH SCHOOLS NOW EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL FUND DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Mammoth Lakes, CA – If you ask yourself what is the most important gift you can give a child, an excellent education surely comes near the top of the list. The Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation has launched an inaugural fund drive to support public schools in Mammoth for the 2011-12 school year. In working closely with the Mammoth Unified School District, and its new leadership, the NOW Education Foundation is hoping to supplement programs and instruction that would otherwise not be possible due to budget constraints.

In education today, a public school can no longer strive to provide excellence on state funding alone. A public/private partnership is essential and education foundations are supporting public schools all over the country. Filling the gap between what the state provides for basic programs and what it costs to provide an enriched, quality education for our kids, education foundations are critical to a school's success.

The Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation was founded in 2009 after a generous donation was received to fund the creation of the Independent Study Center at Mammoth High School, allowing for increased class offerings and academic flexibility. Moving forward, the NOW Education Foundation's 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.

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.



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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 NOW Education Foundation is asking the Mammoth community to commit to public education. Whether it is a financial contribution or volunteer time, we are encouraging our community members to be involved. That you give is as important as what you give.

For additional information or to make a donation, please visit MammothSchoolsNOW.org or call 760-453-0444.

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. The NOW Education Foundation is an all volunteer organization that works closely with the MUSD board and administration

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