



Dear LO Families:

On behalf of the Live Oak Education Fund, I want to say THANK YOU to all our families who have supported the Ed Fund over the years with their donations. Since 2007, the Live Oak Education Fund's mission has been to maintain and enhance the quality of education at Live Oak by funding salaries for staff and paraeducators and all technology that are not funded by the district or State. The following is a sample of what Ed Fund donations support at our school:

- Salaries for classroom paraeducators
- Salaries for art and music instructors and librarian
- Salaries for Tech support and Teacher on Special Assignment
- Technology: ipads, computer lab, Eagle's Nest, COWS (computers on wheels), Video production for 5th graders, science supplies, life-cycle chick incubator, laptops, Chromebooks
- All classroom supplies, field trips and Soul Shoppe and much more

As we have stated in communications sent during the past Summer and at Registration, donations have been falling in recent years. Over the past two years, Ed Fund has made up the shortfall by dipping into reserves we acquired when the school first opened. This year the Ed Fund is no longer able to makeup this shortfall.

Today, our school and the Education Fund is facing a budget crisis unlike any we've experienced before. The Ed Fund is facing a budget shortfall of \$73,000 THIS SCHOOL YEAR. As a result, funding for programs that we've all become accustomed to having over the past decade will be reduced or eliminated.

In reviewing the options the Ed Fund Board has decided to continue to fully fund the instruction related support thereby avoiding any staff reductions for this school year. Unless something changes this will not be the case next year. This however means that other programs unfortunately had to be cut to make up the shortfall.

WHAT THE ED FUND BUDGET SHORTFALL MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD:

For the current 2018-2019 school year, the Education Fund WILL NOT be funding field trips. Please note that the Education Fund isn't cancelling field trips but rather each teacher will be sending out a donation letter asking for voluntary additional donations to cover the cost of individual field trips for each grade level. The expenses of field trips continue to rise as bus costs increase. If 100% of funds are not raised by voluntary donations per class, the school could be forced to cancel field trips.

This is the first time in Live Oak Ed Fund's twelve year history that we are facing such a budget crisis. To ensure other programs remain intact, please consider making a donation here:
<https://liveoak.futurefund.com/store/campaigns/6719>

We want to take a moment again to thank everyone who supported Ed Fund this year at Registration. While we didn't reach our fundraising goal, we did receive a total of \$201,000 at Registration and these funds will primarily be used to support our commitment of salaries to the staff and to fund the much-needed technology refresh.

We invite you to join the LOEF Exec Board and Live Oak staff at a special Ed Fund meeting to address any questions you may have on October 15th at 6:30pm.

Sincerely,

Rachel Ratcliff
LOEF President 2018-19

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Principal