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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In one way or another, Grattan School has touched your life. Perhaps you are one of our Cole Valley neighbors, the grandparent of a student, or a participant in one of our many community events. Perhaps you have a special young person in your life who has the privilege of attending this amazing little gem of a public school. For one or more of these reasons, you are receiving this letter from Grattan's PTA or a parent with a child at our school.

Grattan School has been successfully serving the needs of public school children for over 100 years. The exemplary education that our urban setting offers has resulted in increased demand by parents throughout the city of San Francisco, and increased number of students. Our PTA is striving to meet this demand and to continue to demonstrate to our friends and neighbors how successful public elementary education can be.

As you may know, we face deep budget cuts to our schools from local, state and federal sources. And, unfortunately, we anticipate more cuts to follow. More than ever before, we are in need of commitment from our extended family and neighborhood community.

Our priorities -

Grattan is committed to reducing the achievement gap among all students while providing creative arts, computer skills, and an education that will foster sustainability habits of minds in our young children that carries them well beyond our campus.

To achieve this, we have rallied and stretched our parents' budgets to fund reduced class sizes in the upper grades. All of our PTA committees are putting programs in effect to reduce the achievement gap. Our teachers are taking part in a grant program to focus on equity in the classroom. We have funded story telling, music, art and dance instruction beyond what the District can provide. And we have supported a unique computer lab program, Habitat H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Planet Earth) that teaches computer skills and supports our extensive gardening and sustainability program.

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What we need -

We must raise at least \$115,000 this year to maintain our programs. Our parents are in the midst of our annual fundraising drive. But we cannot do it without the support and commitment of our parents and our extended network of friends and supporters.

We know you receive many requests for support from many other worthy causes. So we are asking, only, that you include Grattan Elementary School on your list. Grattan School is an example of public education that is working. But such success is contingent on support from people like you.

Donations of any size are greatly appreciated. Please see the attached sheet for details on how to contribute.

You can also visit www.grattanschool.org and click on the **Donate Now** button to make a one time or continuing donation to our school.

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a wonderful holiday season. On behalf of the students, the teachers, the staff and the parents - thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Catechi, PTA President and Jean Robertson, Principal



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