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Dear Grattan Family,

Fall is a special time. Our children have settled into their classes, activities and friendships. We are reminded anew what makes Grattan such a great place for our children to learn and grow: the garden in full swing; the Halloween Faire – produced by our suddenly mature 5th graders; our Kinders learning to jump rope; and a full schedule of field trips, to name a few. It is the time when we reflect on what makes Grattan unique and make our appeal to our community to support our amazing school.

As you know, we entered this school year facing 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 everyone's commitment.

Our priorities -

Your support is crucial to Grattan. As a community we have put our full support behind our important school-wide programs such as our computer lab, Habitat H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Planet Earth), the gardening and environmental education program, story telling, music, art and dance instruction. For the past two years, we rallied as a community and stretched our budgets to fund reduced class size in the 4th and 5th grades. We are dedicated to reducing the achievement gap and ensuring that every child succeeds and thrives. Fulfilling our commitment to these priorities touches the lives of every student at Grattan and is important to all of us. They help define who we are as a school and as a community.

What we need -

Together, we must raise at least \$115,000 this year to maintain our programs. We cannot do it without the support and commitment of every member of our Grattan Family. Please take a moment to reflect on the quality of education and the breadth of activities your child receives from our school, and then consider what you can do to help.

We seek 100% participation in this campaign, which will be ***our main fundraising appeal for this year.*** Our hope is to raise the majority of our needed funds through this campaign, ***which will enable us to reduce the number of ongoing fundraising activities throughout the year.***

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You can make a pledge for the year -

Please consider making a \$300-\$500 donation. We know that not everyone can afford this amount. Last year we received donations that ranged from \$20 to \$5,400. Any amount helps our shared cause. If you would prefer to pledge a monthly amount, \$45 per month through May would contribute \$315, and \$70 per month would contribute \$490. In addition, your company or business may have a "matching gift" program – in many cases it could double your gift to Grattan. For direct donations such as this letter campaign, 100% of your gift is tax deductible.

Our goal -

It is our hope that every Grattan family can make a donation or pledge. There is no "right size" – no matter how large or small, every contribution is deeply appreciated and helps us meet our goal of funding these important programs at Grattan. Find the right gift for your family.

On behalf of the children, the teachers, the staff and the parents - thank you for your consideration.

Together we are the Grattan Family –
Together we can make a difference

Can we do this? Yes we can!

Sincerely,

Steve Catechi, PTA President and Jean Robertson, Principal