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Dear Explorer Family:

Thank you for being a part of the Explorer community! Explorer Elementary Charter School is a remarkable and unique place. Our outstanding faculty knows each child personally and teaches each child the way he or she learns best. Our parent community is highly involved, supportive, and thoughtful. Our children thrive in Explorer's innovative learning environment.

Public funding does not cover all the expenses necessary to run Explorer. The Explorer Fund fills the gap. Last year, we were able to protect small class sizes, science, art, PE and the many other programs that make our school unique thanks to the generosity of the school community.

As we launch this year's Explorer Fund, we ask that you consider a gift from your family. Your donation to the Explorer Fund goes directly into this current school year's operating budget to benefit the children right away. **And new this year---you can direct your donation to a specific program that your family chooses to support.** The enclosed brochure details how Explorer's funding works and how your family can help.

The goals of the Explorer Fund are to:

Ignite Curiosity. Through the diverse programs offered – science, art, PE, garden, music and many more - Explorer ignites the curiosity of our children.

Instill Confidence. The social emotional curriculum at Explorer is what makes this school so special and what allows our children to grow into confident, problem-solving young adults. Explorer instills confidence in our children.

Inspire Learning. Our teachers share their love of learning each day with our children and inspire their young minds and hearts to learn and care about the world around them. Explorer inspires our children.

While we hope that you will give a gift in an amount that is meaningful to your family, you are under no obligation to donate as Explorer Elementary Charter School is a public school. Whatever you do choose to give, please know how grateful we are for your support of our school.

This year marks the start of an exciting new chapter of the school's history. We are excited for what the future holds and we are so grateful for the foundation that has been laid to make it possible. We hope you will join us now in making this a remarkable year.

With great appreciation,

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Explorer Fund Committee

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