

Dear TCA Family and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from our October 16th Board meeting:

Celebrate TCA

We celebrated the kick-off of TCA's school wide fundraiser for St. Jude Hospital. Kaylee Chavez, a College Pathways graduate spoke to the Board about her St. Jude experience and how they helped her battle and overcome cancer while she was in elementary school. Her story is an inspiration to our students. Eli, a sixth-grade Central student, shared how their September service run banded their campus together to raise more than \$15,000 for St. Jude. We look forward to hearing from our other schools' fundraising efforts and how our students are "giving their best to the world" throughout the year for this important cause.

Safety and Security Update

Kevin Pacht, Director of Operations, gave the annual update on the safety/security programs at TCA. Mr. Pacht expressed that the safety, security, and health of our students and staff remains paramount. TCA continues to seek improvements to our programs through yearly campus assessments. These assessments focus on planning, training, facility improvements, and processes so we can more quickly respond with knowledgeable staff during emergency events.

Advancement Report

Lindy Keffer, TCA's Advancement Officer, presented findings and action items from her first seven weeks in the role. Giving to TCA's Annual Fund was down during 2022-23 school year, and she emphasized that this fund is crucial to our ability to recruit and retain excellent teachers while maintaining our small class sizes. Mrs. Keffer presented five key strategies for encouraging growth in both the amount raised for the Annual Fund and the percentage of TCA families participating. Families who would like to create a recurring gift of any size can [give online](#) here. Current monthly gifts to the Annual Fund range from \$5 to \$450 per month per family.

District 20 Mill Levy Override

Mark VanGambleare, TCA's Chief Financial Officer, shared Academy School District 20's Mill Levy Override (MLO) educational presentation. Click [here](#) for more information on the MLO. The MLO will be on the November 7th general election ballot. If the MLO passes, TCA would receive a prorated portion of the funds collected (approximately 13%, based on our student population in the district). Mr. VanGambleare explained that we would allocate 70-80% of those funds to Staff Salaries and 20-30% for security and facility maintenance. If passed, that could mean up to \$4.5 million annually for TCA once the MLO is fully funded. In addition, Becky Allan, ASD20's CFO will be presenting an educational meeting via Microsoft Teams, specifically for TCA's community, on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about this important topic, please click [here](#) to join this meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please email the board at talk2tcaboard@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful day,

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