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Dear:

It seems that now more than ever, our students need our support. Collectively, we educate and we nurture nearly 9,700 students every year. It takes all of us. We are teachers, custodians, paras, secretaries, counselors, administrators, social workers, nutrition service personnel, maintenance personnel, nurses, and specialists. And, we all specialize in kids.

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"I know my kids. I know that we don't know half of what is going on in their lives. But I do know that I have had students who are homeless, those who needed dental/medical care, and those who didn't get opportunities to travel or experience the arts or see things outside of school and home...

...and I know that our GIPS Foundation helps these students experience opportunities, that through no fault of their own, they would not have otherwise, because we do not live in an equal and fair world. Our Foundation tries to help level the playing field and truly help them to know they are cared for and have someone who believes they can be successful and THEY. ARE. WORTH. IT." –Ashley Hilger, Westridge

Our GIPS Foundation is a separate organization, governed by passionate community volunteers who stand with us to support our students. From scholarships, to classroom grants, to supporting individual students, this foundation was built for our students and the money goes to meet their needs.

...But, our Foundation can't do it without us. We are integral to both the delivery of services to our students as well as the financial support equation of our Foundation. When we give to our GIPS Foundation, it sets off a domino of community giving. Our backing is a critical component to the ability of our Foundation to support students.

It all adds up! Since we started this campaign in 2004, GIPS staff has given \$753,141 to our GIPS Foundation to invest in students. For every dollar you have invested, our Foundation has added \$12.89 to bring the total benefit to students up to **\$10.4 million!**

Your support is noticed and appreciated! To honor the support of educators and staff, Ron & Lori Depue have offered a challenge gift. They come from a family of teachers and they are grateful for the investment that Grand Island Public School educators made in their three children Emily, Jeff, and Tim. The Depues have agreed to match your new and increased gifts up to a total of \$5,000! Additionally, all staff members who give \$60 or more (*that's only \$5 per month!*) qualify for a free t-shirt. See your Contest Rules page or your team leader for more information.

We hope that you will join us with your gift. Your contribution, **no matter the size**, is an investment in students because THEY. ARE. WORTH. IT!

Sincerely,

Angelita Diaz, Ashley Hilger, and Kim Luthy, Middle School Co-Chairs
Patti Bennett and Lance Nelson, Senior High Co-Chairs
Bianca Ayala and Kirk Ramsey, Elementary Co-Chairs

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