

MENLO PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 07.08.31

REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM
MENLO PARK-ATHERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District strives for greater levels of excellence and desires to continue to provide high quality educational services to students; and

WHEREAS the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District has adopted a District Strategic Plan that establishes the strategic directions and goals for the continuous improvement of the District and its schools during the next several years; and

WHEREAS a genuine alignment of goals between the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation and the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District has produced a successful alliance by which students are beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation serves as an invaluable funding source for the District to maintain exemplary programs and extend and expand its educational services to students in its schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District requests that the Base Annual Grant for 2008-09 from the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation be **TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000)** to fund the following important components and programs of the District Strategic Plan:

Strategic Direction #1, Committing to Highly Qualified and Inspired Educators and Staff through the *Foundation's Endowment Program for Teacher Excellence*, which provides extensive opportunities for teachers to engage in professional development, and the *Foundation's Recruitment, Retention, Career Development Fund*, which enable the District to recruit, retain and reinforce the highest quality of faculty.

\$100,000 - Endowment
\$275,000 - Total

Strategic Direction #2, Sustaining and Refining a Comprehensive Educational Program by supporting the *District Hands-On Science Program* within the elementary grades that includes lab assistants, materials, equipment and a distribution center; the full operation of the *School Libraries* that includes librarians and expansion of collections; the first phase of the *District's Redevelopment of its Mathematics Program* that includes a major adoption of textbooks and instructional materials for the middle school and participation in a regional student assessment collaborative; the *District Music Program* that provides instruments, supplies, books and musical scores; and the implementation of the *District's Elementary Foreign Language Program* for all students.

\$921,000

Strategic Direction #3, Promoting Best Instructional Practices through the *Foundation's 21st Century Classroom* Project that supports necessary personnel and services extending instructional technology to all classroom teachers; the *Jeannie Ritchie Grant Program* that supports teacher innovative projects that are evaluated and approved by a Foundation Committee; and the *Summer School Augmentation* that funds an exemplary summer instructional program for students with special needs.

\$239,000

Strategic Direction #4, Supporting an Enhanced Educational Environment that fully supports the maintenance and service to the technological infrastructure of the schools and to the equipment and software that is used by students, teachers and staff.

\$565,000

FOR A TOTAL BASE GRANT OF

\$2,000,000

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District requests an additional **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000)** for the 2008-09 fiscal year for the following Strategic Direction:

Strategic Direction #5, Securing Long-Term Financial Stability that will assist in offsetting reduced allocations from the State of California and assist the District with addressing the District's greatest challenge, the ongoing growth of enrollment,

For a total grant of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,200,000), the transfer of which is to be made at the earliest possible date.

MAY IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District deeply appreciates the efforts of the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation, the extraordinary success of its Endowment Program and the contributions of all who have provided these funds as a means of extending the highest quality of educational programs to students.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Menlo Park City School District on June 9, 2008, by the following vote:

absent

Bruce Ives

Deborah Fitz

Deborah Fitz

Laura Rich

Laura Rich

Jeff Child

Jeff Child

Terry Thygesen

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