



**MENLO PARK-ATHERTON
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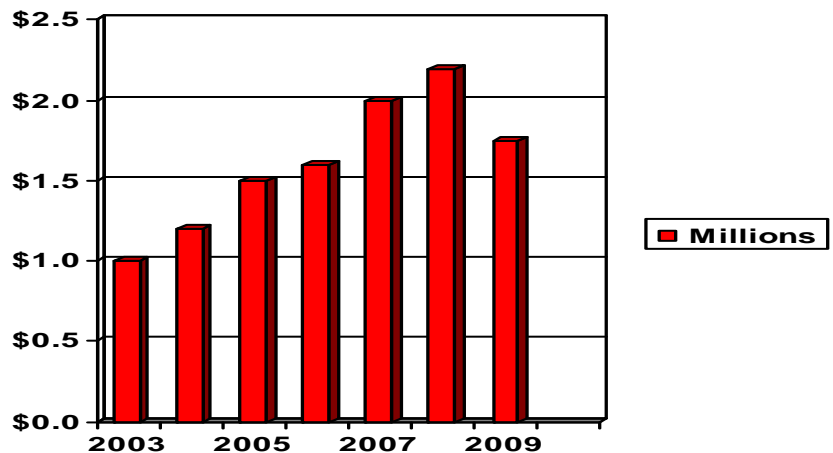
The **Foundation BRIDGES THE GAP** between available public funding and what is needed to provide the high quality education our students deserve.

The **Foundation** believes in our public schools. Your contribution supports

- **Teacher Professional Development**
- **Stipends for recruiting/retaining the best Teachers**
- **Librarians**
- **Science Aides & hands-on curriculum**
- **Musical Instruments & Scores**
- **Technology for Learning**
- **Jeanie Ritchie Innovation Grants**

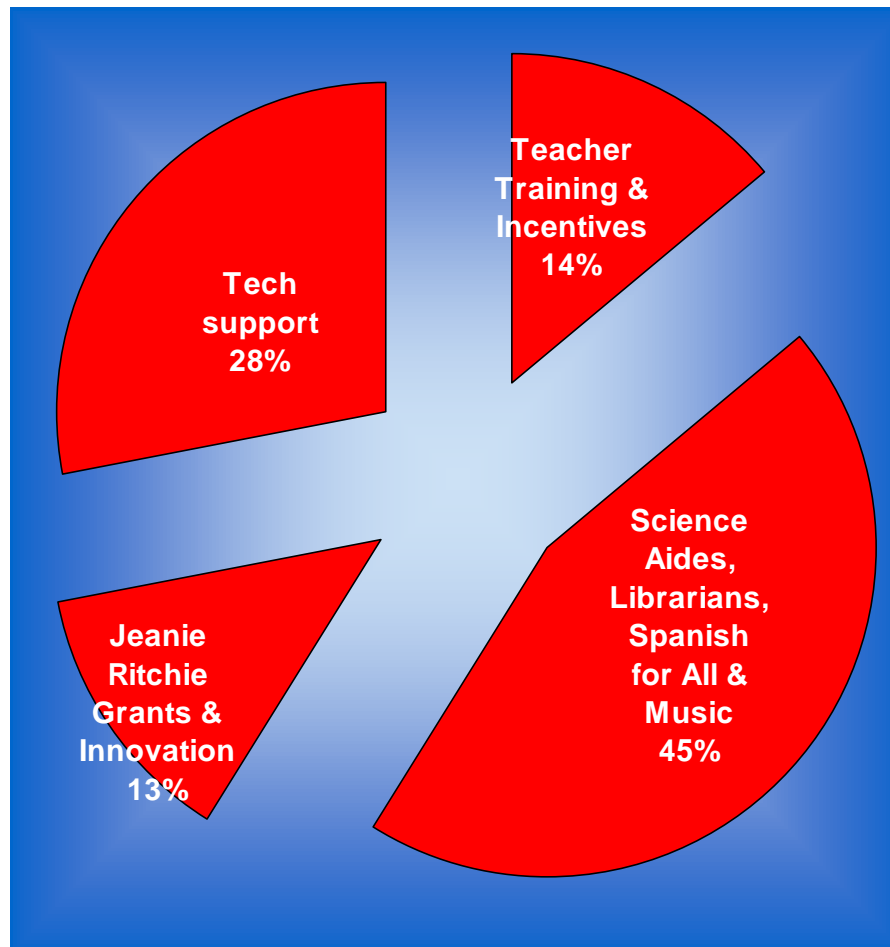
These things are all receiving less funding in 2009-2010 because the Foundation was only able to grant \$1.8 million to the district operating budget – a 20% decrease from the prior year. Help us get our momentum back so we can support you, our students and our schools.

MPAEF Grant History



Did you know? Our schools count on the Foundation to raise 5 times as much as the PTO's.

This year's Foundation Grant \$1,820,000



How can your family help the Foundation support our schools?

- **Support the Foundation Fall campaign.** We are asking parents to give \$1,000 per child, but we warmly welcome donations of any size. Every dollar and every family counts; our students really need your help.
- Bring your check to the Big Red Schoolhouse on campus & celebrate **Donation Day Wednesday, November 4, 2009**
- Donate parties, Attend and Support our annual Spring **Rock the Foundation Party & Auction Saturday, April 24, 2010**

Thank you for helping us bridge the gap.



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