



THE ENDOWMENT FOR
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
MENLO PARK-ATHERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION



“Better than a thousand days
of diligent study is one day
with a great teacher.”

—JAPANESE PROVERB

The mission of the **Endowment
for Excellence in Teaching** is
to build sustainable funding for
professional development to attract,
develop, and retain exceptional
teachers for our children.

Building a legacy

In 2002, the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation (MPAEF) established an endowment to provide predictable supplementary funding to the Menlo Park City School District. The endowment principal is conservatively invested, with oversight and financial management provided by an investment committee. When the principal of the endowment reaches \$2 million, the interest income it generates will fund professional development programs for District teaching faculty.

“If teachers are to ensure successful learning for students, they must be prepared as diagnosticians, planners, and leaders who know a great deal about the learning process and have a wide repertoire of tools at their disposal. The MPAEF Endowment is investing where it counts for children – in our teachers.”

— LINDA DARLING-HAMMOND, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION
AND DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL REDESIGN NETWORK AT
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Supporting excellence in teaching

In 2004, the MPAEF grant of \$1.2 million to the District included a special allocation of \$100,000 for the advancement of teaching excellence. These funded programs directly address the goals of our district's strategic plan:

- Leadership training to support leadership teams in school
- Summer study grants on differentiated instruction and specialized training
- Financial support and resources for teachers seeking National Board Certification
- Technology-supported education in the classroom

Now we are seeking to establish an endowment that will permanently support these vital initiatives.

In June 2005, ten families pledged \$250,000 to create the MPAEF Challenge Grant. This generous commitment will double the impact of new gifts to the endowment, matching dollar for dollar contributions up to the next \$250,000 of donations to the MPEF Endowment.

“Among the 500 education foundations in the state, the MPAEF endowment is one of the first to invest in professional development — it’s an innovative long-term commitment to building excellence in our public schools.”

— SUSAN SWEENEY, PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

The MPAEF Endowment at a glance

Goal: to raise \$2,000,000 by 2006

Progress to date: \$1,000,000

Investment Committee: Advised by
Cambridge Associates and Legacy Ventures

Fundraising Committee:

CHARLOT SINGLETON

MPAEF President, 1989-1990

LYNNE YOUNG

MPAEF President 2002-2003

TED SCHLEIN, Partner, KPCB

MPAEF Co-President 2006-2007

Advisory Board:

DR. JUNE A. FLORA, Committee Chair, former MPAEF
President

CHARLOT SINGLETON, former MPAEF President,
Fundraising Co-chair

DR. RAY PECHEONE, Director of the Stanford School
Redesign project, faculty member of the School of
Education, Stanford University

DR. FLOYD GONELLA, former San Mateo County
Superintendent, former interim Ravenswood City
School District Superintendent

TERRI S. BAILARD, former Redwood City School Board
Member, Community Council member of the Boys &
Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

Ex-officio, KEN RANELLA, Superintendent, Menlo Park
City School District

Ex-officio, CAROL ORTON, President, Board of Trustees,
Menlo Park City School District

MPAEF Endowment Charter Members

RHODES LEVEL \$50,000 - \$99,999

BARBARA AND BILL EDWARDS

SUMMA LEVEL \$25,000 - \$49,999

LOIS AND DAVE ANDERSON

MRS. PETER BLACK

TERRI AND HENRI BULLOCK

JOHN FREUND

CHARLOT AND DENNIS SINGLETON

LAUREN AND BILL YOUNGER

MAGNA LEVEL \$10,000 - \$24,999

MARTY AND DAVE ARSCOTT

LILY HURLIMANN AND JIM BASSETT

JUDY AND GARY BLOOM

SUSAN AND PAT COAN

ANNA MARIA ZARA AND ROBERT ENGLISH

ROBERT HORSLEY

LINDA AND TONY MEIER

JULIE KAUFMAN AND WALLY NIEMASIK

MARY AND JEFF PICKARD

HELEN AND CHARLES SCHWAB

NANCY AND GREG SERRURIER

BOBBIE AND MICHAEL WILSEY

GAIL AND JAMES YOUNG

LYNNE YOUNG

CUM LAUDE LEVEL \$5,000 - \$9,999

CAROL AND STEVE FIELDS

DEBORAH AND ALEX FITZ

LAURA AND JOHN FOSTER

JODY AND JOE HOROWITZ

KATHY AND MIKE LADRA

BARBARA AND RONALD PEYTON

PEGGY AND JONATHAN PROPP

MARY JOHNSON WHEELER

MARCIA AND PAUL WYTHES

MPAEF Challenge Grant Families

ANONYMOUS

JULIE & JEFF BRODY

DIANNE & JEFF CHILD

KATIE & MATTHEW FERGUSON

DANA & TOM HAYSE

NANCY & ANDY KESSLER

GRAYSON & DAVID LANE

LINDA & DANIEL ROSENSWEIG

LINDA & TED SCHLEIN

KIM YOUNG & JOHN MORAGNE



You can make a difference

We thank our Endowment charter members and challenge grant families and ask our community to help us meet our goal of \$2,000,000 by 2006.

We count on the generosity of our community to continue our mission. Please make a tax-deductible contribution to:

The MPAEF Endowment
P.O. Box 584
Menlo Park, CA 94026
Federal Tax ID# 94-2871701

“The most important factor in student success is a good teacher, and high quality professional development makes teachers better.”

— JACK O’CONNELL, CALIFORNIA STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A snapshot of our district

top 5%

average state ranking for all 4 schools

100%

of teachers are fully credentialed

1/15.3

certified teacher per students

137

teachers

47

part-time instructional aides

15

administrators and professional staff

2,100

students in grades K-8

About the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation

The Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation is a public benefit, volunteer organization committed to maintaining and improving quality education in the four public schools of the Menlo Park City School District. We promote the welfare of children in our district by raising money to fund educational and teaching excellence, and by fostering community awareness of and involvement in our schools.



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