



Scotts Valley Educational Foundation  
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Dear Parents and Friends of Scotts Valley's Schools,

As you are surely aware, this is the worst year in recent history for public agencies—including school districts—in the state of California and throughout the nation. As one of the lowest funded K-12 school districts in the state, Scotts Valley Unified is already continuously challenged to provide a top quality education in spite of the lack of adequate resources. Our generous community continues to step forward to support the needs of the students and to provide the “extras” that are considered the norm in other states and in higher-funded California districts—such things as instructional assistants, literacy specialists, library support, smaller class sizes, the arts and athletics.

In the past few years, funding for our school district has decreased by close to \$1 million a year from a \$19 million budget to a projected budget of \$16.4 million for 2010-11—a decrease of nearly \$1000 per student in the last four years. To live within our funding allowance, we have cut positions, services and programs at the district office and all school sites. We have eliminated positions and hours of administrators, teachers, counselors, the district nurse, instructional assistants, custodians, secretaries and more. We have increased class sizes at all sites. All administrators have voluntarily taken furlough days to help balance the budget. Experts predict that we will not be back to our 2007 funding level until 2013-14.

We are in budget development for 2010-11 and are planning for cuts that will get us through next year. However, for the 2011-12 school year, we will need to decrease expenditures an additional \$950,000 in order to remain fiscally solvent. Alternatively, we can bring in additional revenues to lessen the devastating effects of that level of cuts—essentially beginning now to fill the “piggy bank” that will get us through the next few years.

The Scotts Valley Educational Foundation has volunteered to be that “piggy bank,” collecting funds from families and friends to save the people and programs that serve our students.

Please help us in kicking off the Dollar A Day Campaign. We hope you will give what you can to make a difference for our students!

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 a month through PayPal subscription (see below to sign up for that)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$365 sponsor (support for a single child in our schools)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$730 sponsor (support for 2 or more children in our schools)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 sponsor (for your family + one other that may not be able to donate)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify amount ) Even a \$10 donation would be welcome!

You can make a donation to SVEF from any page of our website at [www.svef.net](http://www.svef.net). You can also schedule monthly recurring donations using the Subscribe button on the [Help Us](#) page of the website. Or you may write a check to SVEF and send it to

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Thank you for any contribution you can make!

Sincerely,

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