



Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School

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Dear TJEMS Parents and Guardians,

Thank you all for your continued support and advocacy on behalf of TJEMS. Legislation passed this session has greatly helped stabilize school funding. **However, TJEMS is still facing budget shortfalls for the 2019-2020 school year.** We need your help to maintain our high-quality school experience.

Last year's supplemental funding campaign effort raised approximately \$34,600 with the PTO matching donation of \$25,000 for a total of \$59,600 providing funding for:

- Music Education for Elementary Students
- Special Area Choice Classes for Middle School Students
- Instructional Supplies Including Copier Lease
- Baltimore Urban Debate League

We have decided to build on last year's success and again ask for direct monetary donations from each of our families who are able. All donations will be greatly appreciated with no contribution too small. **PTO will provide matching funds up to \$10,000 for all contributions received during this fundraising effort.** Money collected will be used to help continue programming and purchase supplies at both the elementary and middle school levels.

Funds raised this year will go directly towards providing the following:

- Fine Arts Education for Elementary Students
- Urban Teacher Assistant for Kindergarten
- Special Area Choice Classes for Middle School Students
- Instructional Supplies
- Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

TJEMS PTO finalized their non-profit status for this fundraising effort allowing tax deductions and enabling **employer matching contributions**. All checks should be made out **Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School PTO** with ANNUAL FUND in the memo line. All donations will receive a letter of acknowledgement for tax purposes. Individuals should consult with their tax advisors for specific information.

When you make a direct cash or check donation, 100% of your money will go toward helping us attain our educational goals as a school family. An online donation platform will be sent out via Classroom Parent for your use and distribution to friends and family. Keep in mind this method of donation will reduce your donation by 2.3% to cover fees associated with credit cards and the online platform. **A recurring payment option is also available.** Please see the back of this sheet for more information regarding recurring payment.

TJEMS has built and fostered a culture not only of academic achievement, but social success. Your support is key to maintaining this. Will you consider donating?

We thank you in advance for your support!

Principal James Dendinger & PTO Annual Fund 501c3 Board

I, _____ will help TJEMS with fundraising with a donation of:

Amount \$ _____

Please complete this portion and return to the main office no later than **June 7, 2019** in an envelope labeled "Supplemental Funding Campaign". **All checks should be made payable to TJEMS PTO in the memo line.**
Thank you!

Annual Fund Recurring Payment Option

Thank you for your willingness to support our efforts with supplementing the budget shortfall for this upcoming school year and those to follow. These recurring payments will be processed through the newly founded 501c3 allowing us to provide you with the tax benefits. Individuals should consult with their tax advisors for specific information. Recurring payment donations will receive one donation summary and thank you letter at the end of the donation period.

Please complete the following form returning it to school with your student. An invoice will be generated based on the information provided below. This invoice will be emailed to you and you will be asked to enter your billing information and check the box "I authorize TJEMS to store and charge this card for future purchases as agreed until I cancel this authorization". From there, your credit card will automatically be charged on a monthly basis starting and ending on the dates provided.

Thank you for considering.

Full Name:

Email Address:

Recurring Monthly Donation Amount:

(This is the amount you will be charged on a monthly basis NOT the total amount you wish to donate)

Total Donation:

Starting Month & Year:

Ending Month & Year:

Last 4 digits of Credit Card to be Charged:

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If you have any questions, please email emm112977@aol.com