

September 9, 2020

Aloha ULS Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Governing Board, ULS Foundation, and ULS Booster Club, we'd like to welcome you all to our new, very different, school year! We hope you are all safe and healthy through these very unprecedented times.

ULS has a great legacy of offering a well-rounded education with numerous opportunities for each and every student. Our faculty, staff, and school administration have been working so hard to provide our kids with the resources, instruction and support to succeed with distance learning and future hybrid learning.

Our school community will continue to be something we can all be proud to be a part of with YOUR help! With the current and anticipated budget shortfall our state is facing, now, more than ever, we all need to do our part to help our school.

The <u>ULS Governing Board</u> is responsible for ensuring that ULS's programs and operations are faithful to the terms of its charter school contract and that the school is a viable organization. We are comprised of parents, alumni, and community members volunteering their time and dedicated to ULS!

The ULS Foundation and ULS Booster Club are our two different support entities that solicit volunteers and spearhead fundraising efforts to support our long term and short term objectives.

The <u>ULS Foundation</u> is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to explore and buoy fundraising efforts for the school and community through events, grants, campaigns, contributions and donations to help the University Laboratory School sustain its <u>long term</u> financial flexibility and stability for its future. While we typically seek to fund larger capital upgrades and repairs in helping to provide a physical venue conducive to optimize our children's learning environment in a normal school year, we recognize the need, more than ever, to be creative and appeal to engage community, alumni, and parent contribution support to fund specific educational programs and initiatives. This year, we intend to provide flexible financial support to the fluid operational needs given the financial and educational challenges every school is currently faced with. We remain optimistic in the hope that we can continue to plan for fund, and 'friend'-raising events in the spring and summer, such as the ULS Fun Fair and ULS Golf Tournament. These events allow the ULS Foundation to sustain our part in cultivating the culture of our ULS 'Ohana.

The <u>ULS Booster Club</u> is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by parents of current ULS Students whose members consist of ULS families and friends of ULS students. Our mission is to support school activities and programs, enhance our children's learning experience and

environment through fundraising and community organizing. All money raised by the ULS Booster Club funds specific requests made by ULS students, teachers and administration for each school year. Historically, we have helped to organize the annual Fun Run, a Craft Fair, cookie sales, various retail & online fundraisers and coordinated the volunteers for many ULS events. As a result, the ULS Booster Club has been able to fund Campus Beautification projects, trips for the ULS Speech and Debate team, expenses for ULS athletic teams, and the purchase of supplies for ULS teachers. We will be sending out a newsletter soon to provide more information about our plans for this upcoming year, upcoming events, and how you can join us.

Thank you again for being a part of our ULS Ohana! May we all come together and make the school year 2020-2021 the best it can be!

Please keep an eye out for future emails from both these entities for more information. In the meantime, the ULS Foundation and Booster Club contact information and links to their web pages can be found on our school website at the Ways To Support ULS www.universitylaboratoryschool.org/support.

Please stay safe and healthy!

With Sincere Appreciation -

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