



East/West Sylvania Foundation Facts

In the past 4 years, **E/W Sylvania Middle School has lost 7 full-time teaching positions.** Even with funds raised by our foundation, we still have almost 5 fewer teachers in our classrooms this year. As a result, class sizes in core subjects (science, math and language arts/social studies block) have increased from 25-28 students to 30-35+, and elective choices have declined.

The local option levy passed in November, 2006 halts further cuts, but **state and local funding will not replace these 7 positions** by the next school year, 2007-2008. However, the remedy is in our hands. Through our foundation we are able to hire additional teachers and thereby directly improve the quality of our children's education.

Between Oct 1, 2005 and Sept 30, 2006, \$222,000 was contributed by 38% of families, which supports 2.35 teachers this school year. Without these additional teachers, class sizes would be even larger. These generous contributions benefit your child, this year, every day.

The goal for next year is \$335,000 to support 4.0 FTE. This would maintain the current level of support and bring language arts/social studies block classes down to 30 or fewer students in each grade. Donations above \$335K would further reduce core class sizes.

To raise this amount, more families must contribute, and more must contribute at a level of \$500, \$1000, or more. Imagine the difference in your child's educational experience if, together, we raise participation from 38% to 100%! To hire the best teachers and plan most effectively, all funds are needed by April 30, 2007.

- Contributions to the East/West Sylvania Foundation will go directly to teacher salaries for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Donations are tax-deductible. 1/3 of donations support grants to close the achievement gap in our PPS community.
- We suggest a donation of \$500 or more; however, all contributions are warmly welcomed and make a difference.

It won't happen without **YOUR** participation! **Please make plans NOW.**

Name _____ Child's name: _____

Address: _____

Home # _____ Wk # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail(s): _____

I pledge a total of \$ _____ by April 30, 2007. Total enclosed \$ _____

Make on-line credit card donations at www.thinkschools.org. Select **West Sylvania Middle School** under "Donate to:"

May we list your name in public acknowledgement of donors? Yes No (circle one)

___ My company, _____, will match my gift. (___ form enclosed; ___ form to be forwarded)

___ Please contact me to set up a monthly deduction from my checking account or credit card

___ Please contact me about a donation of stocks or bonds

Thank you for supporting excellent education for your child!

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