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Dear Meridian School Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen Meridian School as the educational choice for your children where your children will experience an invigorating and global learning environment. Meridian School's goal is to be one of the few International Baccalaureate Continuum public charter schools in the nation.. Like other open enrollment charter schools, Meridian receives approximately \$1200 less per student per year than a regular public school. In addition, the IB programs require additional funding for materials and training.

In order to accomplish all of our goals, we must raise **\$150,000** in our 2012-2013 Annual Fund. Gifts to the annual fund are unrestricted and constitute a flexible resource that allows Meridian to meet the operational and facility needs of the school and to help support its educational mission and fund areas such as:

- Competitive salaries in order to recruit and retain quality teachers, administration and staff
- International Baccalaureate materials and training
- Visual and performance art supplies and support
- Classroom technology
- Science and Math supplies
- Media Center/Library research subscriptions and books

The Annual fund has immediate impact and all donations, whether large or small benefit Meridian. Your donation is critical to the success of Meridian School. To achieve this goal we are asking that each family give **\$250 per student** (payment plans are available). However, any gift amount made to Meridian is valued and graciously accepted. Corporate and charitable foundations like to see a high level of participation by the organizations own constituents. Ideally, we would like to see 100% participation. Remember that grandparents, other family members, friends and community members can all contribute to Meridian.

Show your commitment to your child's education and make your pledge today.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Go Lions!

Rick Fernandez
Head of School

Kelly McBride
Head of Primary

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President, Board of Directors