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Friends,

Thank you for being a supporter of the Melrose Education Foundation. Because of your generosity, we recently announced over \$22,000 in grants to educators throughout the Melrose Public Schools. This brings the total number of grants awarded since our founding to 149, **totaling more than \$100,000**. You can read about these exciting initiatives [here](#).

You understand the value of supporting new ideas in teaching and learning in our schools. And that's why we are reaching out today with an important request: [please donate](#) to our **2016 Major Initiatives Fund**.

Last year at this time, we launched our first ever annual appeal for the establishment of the Major Initiatives Fund. And you responded with generosity characteristic of this community, donating over \$6,000. This enabled a major contribution to the Melrose Public School District to support the purchase and implementation of a new K-5 science curriculum, which is currently in use in all five elementary schools.

What will we fund this year? So glad you asked!

This year's fund will expand important work in all schools on **restorative justice, cultural competency and talking across differences**. These initiatives are essential to a safe and supportive school environment for all students and to building skills for productive dialogue and civic engagement. While important work has begun, including some professional development, educators see a growing need for more resources, materials and training.

Between now and the end of the calendar year, our goal is to match or exceed the \$6,000 raised last year. As you plan your year-end charitable giving, we hope that you will consider making a gift at a leadership level of \$250 or \$100. You can [donate here](#).

Please note that the Melrose Education Foundation is a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is a 501c3 tax-exempt public charity. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you in advance for your support and for all you do for our shared community. We wish you and your family a lovely holiday season.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Melrose Education Foundation