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275 Redwood Ave  
Milpitas, CA 95035

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a teacher at Curtner School in Milpitas. Curtner school has over 600 students. We have a very diverse school. Approximately 32% of our population qualifies for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch program and 47% of our students are English Learners. Due to our numbers being at the threshold, we do not qualify for a lot of federal funding. As you have heard the school's budget has been cut once again. The students are facing a lot of changes this year, including an increase in class size across the grade levels. Our parents are being asked to donate more and more money and supplies.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our seventh annual Walk-A-Thon. We are asking the community to help us out with donations. We are looking for cash donations as well as prizes and volunteers on the day of the event. This is a major fundraiser for us. Over the past six years we have raised over \$18,000 with an additional \$5,000 of in-kind donations. Thanks to the Walk-A-Thon we have been able to enhance the education of our students by exposing them to the arts and by going on field trips to reinforce what has been learned in the classroom.

If you are able to donate, please send a check to the following address:

Rachel M.P. Decker  
C/O Curtner Elementary School  
275 Redwood Ave  
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Our school is a non-profit organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so your donation is fully tax-deductible.

All donors are welcome to attend the event. Your name/company logo will be posted the day of the event and in the weekly letter that goes home with students. We will post a sign with the names of all the businesses and people who donated. Please consider making a donation to our school.

Checks should be made out to, "Curtner School." Please write, "Curtner-Walk-A-Thon" on the memo line. I can also come to pick up any donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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