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Welcome to the Dixie School District. Our schools – Dixie Elementary, Mary E. Silveira Elementary, Vallecito Elementary, and Miller Creek Middle School – are recognized throughout Marin County and the State of California for their academic excellence.

Unfortunately, state funds do not adequately cover the real cost of public education, so we look to parent and community support to fund programs that are considered integral to a basic, well-rounded education. Together, the Dixie Children's Fund (DCF), the educational foundation that supports the four Dixie School District schools, and your individual school's Home and School Club or PTA spend \$350 per student to help provide valuable programs including:

Elementary Schools

- PE specialists and equipment
- Art specialists and supplies
- Drama and K-2 music/dance specialists
- Technology specialists, programs, equipment
- Programs specific to each school such as stage performances, teacher grants, etc.

Miller Creek Middle School

- After-school sports
- Supplemental arts programs
- Lunchtime and extracurricular clubs
- Technology support and equipment
- Community service support
- New Perspectives Counseling

These programs, made possible by parent donations, enhance our children's academic experience, providing opportunities for independent and creative thinking, increased confidence, and development of leadership skills. We urge you to make a tax-deductible contribution to sustain these programs at your child's school. A contribution of \$350.00 per student is requested, but no donation is too large or too small. We need every family to participate. Every donation is important to the continued success of these programs.

Enclosed is a brochure describing the *Can Do!* annual family giving campaign and a return envelope for your donation. Gifts can be made by check or credit card and may be made in monthly installments. Check with your employer to see if they will match your contribution.

We look forward to an exciting year of growth and learning for all the children in our school district. We will call families starting in October to answer any questions. If you prefer not to be contacted, please make your pledge before October 15, 2006.

Thank you in advance for your investment in your children's education.

2006 – 2007 Can Do! Committee

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