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**Los Altos Educational Foundation Meets \$1.45 Million Fundraising Goal**  
*-- Achieves Financial Commitment to Los Altos School District for 2005-2006 --*

**LOS ALTOS, Calif., May 3, 2006** – The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) announced today that it has raised \$1,450,000, the total financial commitment to the Los Altos School District (LASD) for the 2005 – 2006 school year. Allocations of the \$1,450,000 grant enables the district to fund teachers and aides to maintain smaller class sizes and enrichment programs such as technology, science, art, music and physical education for children in grades K-8. Over the past two decades, LAEF has increased its annual fundraising goal 20 fold to meet the growing need of the LASD in response to declining state funding. Without LAEF funds, these vital district-wide programs would not be possible.

"Once again Los Altos community members have affirmed their support of our public schools through their generous donations and this has enabled the district to deliver the best public education in the state," stated Mike Maciag, LAEF president. "Thanks to the support of parents, community members and local businesses, LAEF was able to meet our \$1.45 million goal and provide enrichments programs and class size reduction that would not be possible without the financial support of the community," he added.

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In the last 23 years, LAEF has raised over \$11.15 million to enhance the district's solid academic program. School administrators and staff rely on and greatly value the additional resources made possible by LAEF funding.

"Each year we face great uncertainty in state funding priorities," explained Tim Justus, Superintendent for the LASD. "We are grateful for LAEF's significant financial support to help us continue to be the top-ranked public school district in the state. Enrichment programs, along with small class sizes, allow us to create an environment that enhances learning and allows each child to reach his or her potential."

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Founded in 1982, the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) is comprised of all Los Altos elementary and middle school parents who contribute to making the Foundation's fundraising goals. The funds are used to enrich children's education through smaller class sizes, art, music, physical education, and science and technology. Over 95% of the foundation's annual goal is achieved through parents' contributions and matching funds from their employers. LAEF is not endowed by a few large companies or wealthy families; the difference is collectively made one family and one pledge at a time. The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) is a 501(c3) not-for-profit organization, tax id **94-2862793**. For more information, please call LAEF at 650-559-0445 or donate online at [www.laefonline.org](http://www.laefonline.org)