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Los Altos Educational Foundation Meets \$1.55 Million Fundraising Goal -- Achieves Financial Commitment to Los Altos School District for 2006-2007 --

LOS ALTOS, Calif., May 4, 2007 – The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) announced today that it has raised \$1.55 million, the total financial commitment to the Los Altos School District (LASD) for the 2006 – 2007 school year. Allocations of the \$1.55 million 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. LAEF increased its fundraising goal by \$100,000 over the 2005-2006 grant in order to sustain these programs. In addition, new programs were funded district-wide including "Step Up to Writing," a program that teaches a step-by-step approach to the writing process, as well as new science initiatives. For almost 25 years, LAEF has increased its annual fundraising goal 20 fold to meet the growing needs of the LASD in response to declining state funding. Without LAEF funds, these vital district-wide programs would not be possible.

"We are grateful to members of the Los Altos community for once again stepping up to support our public schools through their generous donations," said Mike Maciag, LAEF president. "Meeting our \$1.55 million goal helps us financially maintain existing programs and class size reduction, while helping support innovative programs such as 'Step Up to Writing.' Thanks to the support of parents, community members and local businesses, LAEF will continue to be able to help the district deliver the best public education in the state," he added.

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For over two decades, LAEF has raised over \$12.9 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.

"We greatly appreciate LAEF's significant financial support to help us continue to be among the top-ranked school districts in the state," explained Tim Justus, Superintendent for the LASD. "State funding priorities for education can change annually and greatly impact what the LASD can provide to our students. LAEF funding provides innovative enrichment programs, along with small class sizes, that 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.