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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Los Altos Educational Foundation  
Announces New Board Roster for 2008-2009  
-- Board to Drive New Fundraising Goals for the Los Altos School District --**

**LOS ALTOS, Calif., October 9, 2008** – The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) today announced its new board roster for the 2008-2009 school year. Board members come from the parent community representing all schools within the Los Altos School District. The board's charter is to drive fundraising programs, community outreach and awareness in support of overall LAEF goals. Board members for the 2008-2009 school year include: Bin Hu, Jay Gill and Jean Limbach, Almond School; Kristine Bardman, Mark Hartney and Sue Weber, Blach School; Julie Arnheim and Nick Gross, Gardner Bullis School; Mark Boennighausen, Katie Gray, Katie Roper and Katie Stanton, Covington School; Teresa Kersten, Kim Gavenman, Cindy Walden and Katie Wiederholt, Egan School; Glenn Goldberg, Debby Haslem, So Yong Park and Anna Weldon, Loyola School; Laurel Iverson, Jim Martin and Joe Seither, Oak School; Andy Cohen and Alan Cyron, Santa Rita School; and, Leslie Bosset, Trinka Dyer and Michael Milliken, Springer School.

For the 2008-2009 school year the LAEF board will embark on a new fundraising campaign goal commitment to the LASD of \$1.92 million. Allocations of the \$1.92 million grant will enable 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 funding will also help bring 21st century technology improvements into the classroom essential in keeping our children competitive in the global marketplace. This year's funding is particularly crucial this year as LAEF is stepping in to also support the gap left by the major cuts to public education funding by the State of California.

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"We are delighted to welcome new and returning board members to LAEF for the 2008-2009 school year," commented Shobana Gubbi, executive director for LAEF. "Each year these diverse and talented parents help us reach out to the entire Los Altos parent community. Without the ongoing volunteer support of the parent community within the Los Altos School District, the rich educational experience our children receive would not be possible."

LAEF also wishes to thank those individuals leaving the LAEF board this year for their many contributions including: Ed Baer, Mike Maciag, Rupal Mehta, Jim Stroud, Julia Erwin-Weiner and Katie Wiederholt.

***ABOUT THE LOS ALTOS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION***

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).

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