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Los Altos Educational Foundation Meets \$1.7 Million Fundraising Goal -- Achieves Financial Commitment to Los Altos School District for 2007-2008 --

LOS ALTOS, Calif., May 1, 2008 – The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) announced today that it has raised \$1.7 million, its total financial commitment to the Los Altos School District (LASD) for the 2007 – 2008 school year. The \$1.7 million grant enables the district to hire teachers and aides to help 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 \$150,000 over the 2007-2008 grant in order to sustain and enhance these important programs. Key programs funded district-wide this year also included the highly successful "Step Up to Writing," a program that teaches a step-by-step approach to the writing process, new science initiatives, and "best practices" training for teachers to better utilize digital technologies. For over 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 Teresa Kersten, LAEF president. "LAEF contributions keep class sizes small, provide critical enrichment programs, and enable our students to compete effectively in the 21st century," she added.

For over 25 years, LAEF has raised over \$14.8 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.

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"LAEF's significant financial support is integral in helping the LASD maintain its status as one of the top-ranked school districts in the state," explained Tim Justus, Superintendent for the LASD. "Given current state funding priorities for education, the annual LAEF contribution to our schools will greatly impact what the LASD can provide to our students next year. With the continued support from LAEF we are able to create and maintain 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.