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Dear Concerned North Caldwell Resident,

We would like to inform the concerned community of some unfortunate news. For the first time, our school system has been forced to cut educational programs as a result of the state's hard cap budget constraint. It has come to our attention that our 2009-2010 school budget does not include the funds necessary for a dedicated technology teacher at the Grandview school. As a result of this, changes to the library program will be made to infuse technology into the curriculum. The physical education program for Kindergarten has been eliminated as it is not mandatory by the state of New Jersey. The district was not able to include the purchase of any new text books or computers in this coming years' budget either. We understand these tough decisions were not made easily. The Superintendent and Board of Education were forced to take these actions based on budget restrictions and higher than expected insurance costs.

The North Caldwell Foundation for Education is a charity that has been formed to help during times of crisis like this. We have begun to build an endowment of money that can be used to pay for budget shortfalls such as this. At this time we have only raised a small fraction of our goal of two million dollars that will enable us to help in times like this.

We urge you to donate now and help grow our endowment to prevent cuts like this in the future.

Should we raise enough funds in the very near future, we may be able to save some of the programs mentioned above. But only with your immediate and generous help. We need to raise approximately one hundred thousand dollars to make this happen. We urge each family to consider a donation of at least \$250. We do understand the economic crisis that many of us are affected by. Know that any donation will help our campaign and will ultimately aid our children.

The North Caldwell Foundation for Education is working with the Board of Education and Superintendent to identify programs that are at risk now and next year in order to be able to underwrite them.

There are a multitude of benefits to donating to the NCFE. Your contribution is tax-deductible, as the NCFE is a 501c3 organization. Your donation may be eligible for a matching gift from your place of employment (FEIN # 05-0623239). And most importantly, by keeping our schools in the community strong you are keeping the value of the home properties strong.

We thank you for your time, and hope to include you as one of our greatly appreciated supporters. Should have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us directly. We urge you to stay informed and attend the Board of Education meetings bi-weekly at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evenings at the Grandview school. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Fondly,
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