



## The facts...

- Like many public schools, we received a devastating budget cut. \$200,000 was cut from our already humble budget.
- Unlike many schools, we **refused** to lay off teachers and staff, who are by far our school's heart and soul and your children's most vital resource here. We **also refused** to strip our school of the arts curriculum and special programming we believe in so deeply, programming that enriches our curriculum and creates moments of powerful learning **every day**.
- So... almost our entire city budget is earmarked to pay our PEOPLE, the core of Arts & Letters. We are left with barely any money to pay our basic bills or purchase the supplies needed for school, much less an expanding one. After using funds carefully saved from last year, and tightening our belts, we are still left with immense needs.
- We put out a rallying call to families and supporters, and **you are answering!** On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we launched our **I (Love) A&L Campaign**, and we received tremendous support – **\$76,000 to date!** Half of this was from 2 large grants from foundations our families knew, and the other half was from families themselves. **In addition, we have received MANY generous donations of items for our new K & 1 classrooms** – dishes, toys, books, art supplies, play stations, dress up clothes, CD players, aquariums, and appliances that are being used vigorously every day! These material donations have created lively classrooms, and allowed us to do so despite the budget cut. We are so, so grateful for all of this immense support.
- **However, for the first time in our history, the money we raise is literally supporting our school, it is our budget, for everything other than people. There are many needs still unmet.**

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Facing the devastating budget cuts, we need to make up the difference.

**PLEASE DONATE!**

## What do we still need?

- More books – for libraries in all grades!
- Additional funds for basic classroom and office supplies – these are used daily by over 450 students and teachers!
- More paper! We spend \$1,000 a month on paper, and this is using it sparingly!
- Art supplies for our lower grades and for our established upper grades Arts Department!
- More technology – to replace outdated computers and laptops!
- Funds for arts partnerships and other special programming, infusing our classrooms with the cultural wealth of this city!

## Help TODAY by...



**Donating according to the sliding scale posted on our website at [www.uaaal.org](http://www.uaaal.org). Give securely online or give by check.**

- Setting up a monthly payment plan online if smaller increments are better (just \$20 a month!)
- Asking grandparents, friends, and contacts to donate too!
- Asking your employer if they match charitable donations – double your gift to us just by asking!
- Racking your brain for any people you know at foundations or companies – all of our foundation support thus far has come through close personal contacts! Most people know more people than they think they know! Take some time to remember where all of your friends work! And if they can't give funds, maybe they can donate supplies, technology, or their talents! Contact Meghan at MJoseph25@schools.nyc.gov with your ideas and contacts!

**Give online in 3 minutes or give by check with "I Love A&L" in the memo line. Make checks out to Arts & Letters.**