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## Celebrate the Present

MEF has much to celebrate! In addition to the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, MEF's 2016-2017 annual campaign is over 60% of the way to our goal of \$2.2 million in support of quality educational opportunities for all public school students in Moraga. Thanks to your donations, the generosity of our business and civic sponsors, and the overall commitment of our community, MEF is on its way to being able to grant funds to the Moraga School District and Campolindo High School to provide critical programs, staff and teachers.

With the Governor's proposed budget indicating potential cuts to education funding, we need to continue to be vigilant in our awareness and involvement in helping to bridge the gap between what the state funds and the actual cost of educating our students. MEF will be watching this closely over the coming months and I am confident our community will hear the call and respond as it has in the past to preserve the quality education we have come to expect.

In recognition of the founding of MEF, on January 25<sup>th</sup> the Foundation received a Town Proclamation honoring MEF on its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Proclamation was presented at the Town Council meeting by Mayor Onoda. Joining me to receive this honor was Sam Sperry and Fred Weil, Founding Board Members, Niki Peterson, MEF Vice President and Kim Matranga, MEF Executive Director. One of the greatest pleasures I have had as the President of MEF is to see this community come together, united in a common purpose that impacts every student, every day.

We also celebrate the enthusiastic response to our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auction and Dinner Dance March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley benefitting MEF's Endowment Fund. Seats are limited so please visit [www.MEF35th.com](http://www.MEF35th.com) to purchase tickets. It is going to be a great evening and we hope to see you there!

While much of this year has focused on honoring our past, it is important to celebrate the accomplishments of the present, as they make an impact on the students of today and tomorrow. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

In Appreciation,  
Heather Davis  
MEF President