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Dear TCGIS Friends and Families,

It has been one year since we sent out an appeal letter and as the end of the calendar year and holiday season approach we ask that you once again consider a financial gift to our school. This year, your gift is even more valuable because it will be matched by an equal gift from an anonymous school family.

During the past year we have established ourselves successfully in the new building, added two additional classroom sections (one more Grade 3 and one Grade 5) and expanded enrollment to provide services to 157 students. Our academic program is strong and our students are actively engaged in learning in a friendly and positive environment. We've continued our international focus, emphasis on small class sizes and parental involvement in all aspects of our school.

But the fact is, we are a small school with low enrollment and this presents financial hurdles. We do not have access to tax levies like "regular" school districts and so are more dependent on grants and donations to support operations. With looming cuts from the State we expect our already bare bones budget to be cut even further. To remain strong TCGIS needs to put down deeper roots and grow stronger with continued hard work, dedicated time and the generosity of all.

Please consider TCGIS for a tax-deductible donation, we welcome donations of any size. We also kindly ask you to share this letter with friends and family members. Our involved and caring community is one of our biggest strengths. Your donation is important and will allow the school to continue its history of providing a high-quality immersion education program to meet the learning needs of area children.

This year you can donate by sending a check to the school or by using your credit/debit card on our new online system which opens on Monday, December 15th. To access the online system follow the link on the schools webpage www.germanschool-mn.org. Online donors can even choose to donate on a monthly or quarterly basis!

In advance, thank you for your generosity. Best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Yours in Children,

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