



Educating children for informed and active world citizenship

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Dear Twin Cities German Immersion School Community:

Your help is needed to keep the sound of music in hallways at TCGIS! You may be aware that due to a tight financial funding situation that the Board passed a budget that did not include a music program for next school year. This was for financial reasons only and was done with a commitment to find alternative ways to retain music programming.

I do have good news to report though. We are incredibly fortunate to have received a generous gift of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor! With this money we are half way to the amount needed **to fund a part-time music and/or performing arts specialist which would allow us to provide an hour a week for each class.**

Fully integrating performing arts into our program is essential for a true German cultural immersion and would come as a major support to classroom teachers who receive much needed classroom prep time. In the event that we do not reach our \$20,000 goal, we will institute as much of a music/performing arts program in the 2010/2011 school year as we are able with the money raised by July 15th 2010. The programming time we fund will be distributed equitably among all of our classrooms. Your donation will help us ensure we can offer programming throughout the year to all students. One hour a week of performing arts programming for one classroom costs:

- \$800 for one entire school year
- \$400 for a semester
- \$200 for two months
- \$100 for one month
- \$ 50 for two weeks

We are half-way there. **Classroom by classroom, hour for hour, as a community we can buy this program for the 2010/2011 school year to invest in our children's education.** We appreciate your donating as generously as you are able. We also respect those who are not in a position to contribute financially and appreciate the many other ways that you support the school. Please visit <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Tcgis-Performing-Arts-Fund-Drive>. We will also gladly accept your donations by check at the address below. Please consider passing our appeal along to interested family members. Also let us know if your employer will match your donation. Thank you!

Sincerely

Annika Fjelstad, Director

Kim Kompel, Board Chair