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Dear El Rincon Elementary School Neighbor:

An exciting project has been developed to bring hands-on science experiences to the students at El Rincon Elementary School. A Science Discover Lab at El Rincon will be the catalyst for change in how science is experienced at the school by involving students and teachers in fascinating hands-on experiments and lessons on a regular basis.

Why A Science Discovery Lab?

- El Rincon has adopted global science as a focus for academic efforts and has pioneered several science projects this year, including raising funds for malaria nets in Africa and developing a week-long Space Week.
- Teachers have been working all school year to develop teaching techniques and strategies to improve science education for all students.
- Teacher enthusiasm for a designated space for science learning will make the Science Discovery Lab a valuable learning tool.

How Will It Work?

A vacant classroom will be retrofitted into a state-of-the-art lab, with equipment and furniture, technology and wireless connectivity. Students will have a regular opportunity to visualize and understand global science issues.

Students, with their classroom teacher, will go to the Science Discovery Lab for hands-on experiments and lessons utilizing specialized science materials and access to the web. The Science Discovery Lab gives students the chance to get excited about science and to choose science as a career path.

Benefits to all CCUSD Schools

The Science Discovery Lab will be a hub for professional development training and laboratory experiences for all 124 elementary school teachers in CCUSD. The 2008-2009 school year will see the adoption of new science books and curricula. The science lab will be a great location for meetings and planning.

Cost

Total initial costs are estimated at \$113,000. Some room retro-fitting and furniture costs can be covered by special CCUSD facilities funds. CCEF has committed to raising the additional \$60,000 needed for safety and lab equipment, lab supplies, and an LCD projector, screen and computer.

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CCEF has secured donations specifically for the lab of \$42,750 (\$37,500 from Symantec, \$5,000 from the Westfield Corporation and \$250 from Moldex Metric) and needs to raise an additional **\$17,250** for the Science Discovery Lab.

Contributions of any amount will be acknowledged with gratitude by the Culver City Education Foundation and the El Rincon staff. A framed list of donors will be placed in the Science Discovery Lab.

You Can Make an Impact

This is a chance for you to really make a difference in students' lives. The principal, Leslie Lockhart, is convinced that science scores will improve greatly once the lab is up and running.

Very few public elementary schools have science labs, and bringing one to Culver City will enhance Culver City's reputation as a great place to live, work and go to school. Please consider supporting your neighborhood public school in this way whether or not you have school-age children. Strong schools are a very important component of our City's reputation for being a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your consideration,

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