July 23, 2024,

Dear Dublin Unified School District Community,

It takes a community to support our schools! The convergence of state budget cuts, the expiration of federal COVID relief dollars, and a slowdown in Dublin's population growth have resulted in decreased funding for our schools. This past year, Dublin Unified School District was significantly affected by reductions in revenue and had to undergo budget cuts of \$4.4 million. Further cuts were approved by the board and slated for the 2024-2025 school year. As a community, we're concerned that these cuts will affect the quality of education our students receive. It is more important than ever to provide them with the support and enrichment they need to thrive both academically and personally. Our neighboring communities have set a strong precedent in supporting their schools through dedicated foundations. For instance, the education foundation in Pleasanton raises approximately \$850,000 annually for their district. We believe Dublin deserves the same dedicated effort to ensure our students have access to the necessary resources.

We invite you to join us in supporting the critical needs of our students. By contributing, you are investing in the future of our children and helping to create a supportive and nurturing educational environment.

The Dublin Education Alliance is proud to announce our inaugural campaign, "Empower Dublin Education," with a fundraising goal of \$500,000. Achieving this goal will allow us to directly fund district-wide essential STEM initiatives, intervention, counseling, and student wellness programs that are crucial for our students' success. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible.

To learn more about the Dublin Education Alliance and how you can contribute to the **Empower Dublin Education** campaign, please visit our <u>website</u> (<u>dublineducationalliance.org/donate</u>) or contact any of our board members. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant impact.

Please join our <u>mailing list</u> (<u>dublineducationalliance.org/contact-us</u>) for updates, and information on upcoming events, fundraising opportunities and more.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our students' success. Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely, Audrey Borland, President Dublin Education Alliance