

CALIFORNIA RANKS **41st** IN THE NATION IN PER CAPITA STUDENT SPENDING



You can help bridge the gap.

Dear Webster Families,

We recognize we all have a bigger job to do in lobbying for change in Sacramento. However, change must start locally. The Webster PTA is appealing to you to be part of that change.

Positive change was driven by Malibu parents around in central fundraising for SMMUSD last year. Fundraising which supports incremental staff in SMMUSD will now be split between Malibu & Santa Monica – enabling each city to invest 100% of funds raised in their city’s schools AND make decisions locally.

- The good news? Malibu funds raised now stay in Malibu.
- The Opportunity? Participation. Historically, Malibu donated 17% of the annual \$500k spent in Malibu.

Malibu’s central fundraising organization is in development, but funds for staff still needs to be raised to pay for essential staff and maintain the exceptional educational experience we’ve established at Webster, a \$161k annual cost. We are kicking off a fundraising bonanza in February with the intent to exceed the **Webster PTA Whale Fund** fundraising goals by March 1st. The PTA can then vote to make a significant donation and maintain our existing staff and a phenomenal experience for Malibu students.

Your donation will make the difference. Please join me in making your donations today.

Sincerely,
Karin Al-Hardan
President, Webster PTA



Suggested Donation*: \$800 per student by March 1st

Please donate online at: <https://websterpta.com/fundraising>

NO. The state doesn't fund it.
NO. It won't be there anyway.
NO. It's not someone else's problem.
NO. It's not covered by your taxes.
NO. It doesn't just happen.
NO. The Lottery doesn't pay for it.
NO. We can't do this without you.

YES! I want to help my child have a full, enriched education.



Central fundraising will fund essential STAFF and STAFF-LED programs during the school day (like P.S. ARTS classes, innovative computer programming with Planet Bravo, classroom aides, nurses office staff, yard supervision aides, 3rd grade recorders, 4th grade cultural dance, 5th grade ballroom dance and culmination music, music lessons and instruments for qualifying students).

The Webster PTA Whale Fund will fund important STUFF, ENRICHMENT, ASSEMBLIES and PARENT ENGAGEMENT (like movie night, teacher's supplies, the Halloween parade, field day, campout, field trips, spirit wear, jog-a-thon, science night, beach day, the talent show, holiday concert, evening event, STEAM labs, maker space, music assemblies, Planet Bravo supplies, gardening, Caine's arcade and the math club).

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* Parent participation counts most! Any donation, however small, will help us appeal to larger donors who look for parent participation as a deciding factor. If you're able to give more, please do.

Note: Under the guidance of Webster's PTA membership, we will manage the PTA budget to enable a donation to cover incremental staff.