

The School District Of Osceola County, Florida

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Dear Celebration K-8 School Community,

Due to the recent downturn in the economy the state has had to cut revenues given to school districts the past two years, and is projected to cut again for at least this next year and very likely the year after at a minimum. As a result, the top priority is to keep teachers (who did not receive a raise in the 2008/2009 school year due to the economy) and student programs in place. FYI: In the 2008/2009 school year the Osceola School Board budget started out at \$964M; the 2009/2010 Osceola School Board budget is \$838M.

These budget challenges mean that purchasing new cutting-edge instructional technology is severely limited. As a result, Celebration K-8 Principal, Dr. Kennedy, and a core of committed volunteers have taken it upon themselves to work at raising the money needed to update the technology that our children deserve.

To that end, this effort has my full support. The ambitious fundraising goal is \$240K. Please do what you can. No amount is too small. Remember whatever you can do to help is appreciated.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to call me at 407-973-4141, or email me at jaywheeler@embarqmail.com

Sincerely,

Jay Wheeler
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