

BERKLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Dear Berkley School District family,

This is the perfect time of the year for each of us to take a moment and reflect on what we are grateful for in our lives. Even through the challenges that life can bring, there are still blessings for which we can be thankful. I am personally grateful for such a strong school community, caring individuals and great neighbors that make Berkley Schools a wonderful place to send my most precious possessions - my three children.

Over the last 12 years within the Berkley School District community, my husband and I have seen and experienced the progressive and innovative opportunities provided to all children. Berkley is a high performing school district both in academics and in its dedication to nurturing students into successful young adults. Our three children have continued to thrive as individuals with the support of the administration, teachers, staff and parent volunteers.

This year I am serving as the honorary Dollars for the District campaign chair. As a member of the Berkley Schools community I have also had the honor of serving as the volunteer Director of the Berkley Saturdays for Success tutoring program for the last 8 years, serving on building PTAs and Berkley Area PTSA Council, leading the Berkley African American Parent Network and serving on the board of the Berkley Education Foundation. I have been amazed at the number of dedicated parent volunteers throughout our school district. An important asset that makes Berkley Schools great are the committed parents and community members who work so hard to support students with enriching opportunities.

One of the key gateways to providing these enriching opportunities and experiences for our students is through the Berkley Education Foundation. Since 2010, the Foundation has invested \$269,802 in providing elementary enrichment programs, mini-grants to teachers, college tours, and student scholarships for Berkley students. Did you know the Berkley Education Foundation has sponsored enrichment classes in every Berkley elementary and middle school at no cost to families? The Foundation has also paid for every 8th grade student in the District to take a tour of a university campus so that students can envision their possibilities after graduation.

During this holiday season I would like to call on all my fellow parents, grandparents, guardians and community members to please help us continue to support our children and provide opportunities for their growth. I humbly ask that you consider making a donation of any amount to the Berkley Education Foundation, whether \$25 or \$2,500. Please help the Berkley Education Foundation continue the essential work of enriching our students' lives.

Wishing each of you a happy holiday season,



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P.S. Please mark your calendar for "Off to the Races," our signature fundraising event, on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Club Venetian. Tickets are on sale now at www.BerkleyEdFoundation.org

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