

# **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**You have probably heard that the school district is investigating changing the name of the GATE program and making the criteria for determining who is an advanced learner eligible for these classes consistent throughout the district. Our annual Phone-a-thon was already on the calendar when district staff brought this proposal forward.**

**However, it is important to note that regardless of the label that the District Office and Board of Education decide on for the highest level of our District's most rigorous classes, gifted and talented students will still be served in those classes. Those students and the teachers of those classes will still need the support we have provided through our Annual Phone-a-thon for the past 18 years. Families of the students enrolled in those most rigorous classes will be invited to contribute to our fundraiser, ensuring that students have access to the latest lab equipment or supplies and materials for class projects, that teachers are able to attend pertinent professional development, and that enrichment opportunities in art, performing arts, or through field trips will still be possible.**