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Dear New Exploris Family Members,

I would like to welcome you again to our Exploris School family and hope that your children are settling in and enjoying their new learning experiences at Exploris.

Last year we celebrated the 20th year Anniversary of Exploris and established a plan for the future expansion of our school community. Empowering Learners to Change the World is what sets The Exploris School apart from all other K-8 educational institutions and I am extremely proud to be part of this unique educational model. Our school was founded by a small group of committed parents who were determined to create a school with a global focus. Now twenty one years later, The Exploris School continues to grow stronger. Our students grow and learn through a rigorous, relevant, relationship based education that is grounded in our core values. Through experiential, project-based, global education, students are focused on tackling world problems.

You have an incredible opportunity to help lead Exploris into the future in our new building which will unify our two campuses and expand our educational mission and vision to support others. The new Exploris home will be part of the City Gateway building which will be a beacon in downtown Raleigh showcasing our commitment to the environment. The new Exploris home will be the first energy-positive building in the Triangle area allowing our students to be part of an innovation that demonstrates our universal commitment to protecting our planet and making our world a better place for future generations.

With that in mind, I am asking that you join the other Exploris families, Board of Directors, and staff in funding our capital campaign to support the future facility needs of Exploris. We are asking for your financial contribution to support the development of our new building at City Gateway and to create a Center for Innovation that extends beyond our school. The Center for Innovation will bring leading educators together to help solve global problems and provide comprehensive professional development on our experiential, project-based, global education methods. Your capital campaign contribution will allow us to furnish our classrooms with state-of-the-art technology, collaborative furniture and fixtures, and outdoor learning and play environments for all students to learn and grow to their maximum potential.

We need the continued support of our entire Exploris family to achieve our goal, which will ensure we can continue to offer our unique educational experience to more families. With your support, we are committed to raising $1 million by 2019. The Development Group will also match family contributions up to $1 million doubling the value of your contribution. Please join the Exploris community before you that supported the expansion of our elementary school. Now we’re asking for your commitment to support our expansion into our new facility merging both campuses.
Exploris has spent twenty one years fostering academic excellence and building a solid reputation for responsible fiscal management with family support. Your contribution to our capital campaign will allow us to expand the reach of The Exploris School by empowering more learners than ever to change the world. We sincerely hope that all families will participate and make a two-year pledge that demonstrates your support and appreciation for the Exploris experience and for the future of our school.

Donations of all levels are needed to help us achieve our $1 million goal. Our capital campaign welcomes gifts from families, alumni, faculty and staff, friends, and community partners. Tax-deductible gifts can be made online on the exploris.org website under the capital campaign tab, by check and mailed to the school, or by completing a pledge card. Campaign pledges and donations can be paid in installments over the next year to ease the burden. Donations of stocks or securities are also welcome contributions. Gift recognition and naming opportunities will also be available for unique spaces. Working and giving together will allow us to reach our goal with everyone contributing.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you in advance for your consideration, commitment, and generosity. Your ongoing support for Exploris is so deeply appreciated and will have lasting impacts on our children and on our world.

It’s exciting to imagine all that we can accomplish together for the future of Exploris!

Warmest regards,

Ellie

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