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Dear Parents,

The semester is drawing to a close and the holidays are fast approaching. As we gather with our families, it is important to remember the value of our scholastic community at the Austin Montessori School. By contributing to the Austin Montessori School Annual Fund, you are helping provide for the best possible learning environment for your child's continued growth and development.

I have personally benefitted from the collective and continued support that sustains the Annual Fund. Most directly, it was through this collective support that I received the Montessori training and certification that allowed me to join the Heartsong Community as a guide, followed by continuing sponsorship to workshops and conferences, and ongoing consultations and mentoring. I appreciate the support of the school, the parents and families - our collective scholastic community - for generating such opportunities.

For the 2010-2011 school year our goal is 100% participation from the faculty and parent body. This involvement will allow us to compete for additional funding, such as grants. The size of the gift, though important to our community, is less so important than your and your family's personal involvement. I would like to thank those who have already taken the opportunity to contribute and look forward to our reaching full support in the near future. This giving comes ahead of all other giving to our community.

Seasons Greetings,

Thank you,

Joseph T. Aken