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Dear Families and Friends,

The mission of the Catalina Foothills School District Foundation is to raise funds to develop our community's investment in CFSD public schools in order to provide our students the best possible educational opportunities.

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A new school year begins this month, and students attending District 16 schools can look forward to another year of educational excellence. The district has been weathering the storm of state cuts to education well so far, however, state funding does not provide all the resources our schools need to maintain the excellence our children deserve. It takes a blend of state funding, community commitments and private donations.

Thanks to the generosity of all of the families, individuals and businesses who donated time and money to the Catalina Foothills School District Foundation during school year 2010-11, the Foundation will provide \$250,000 to the district to help fund teaching positions this 2011-12 school year. We cannot thank them enough!

This year, in order to play an even more significant role in keeping our schools excelling, we intend to improve upon last year's success. Our efforts will include more individually focused fundraising efforts, a greater presence at schools, and an information push to families and the community. We also hope that many of you will attend the annual Love Our Schools fundraiser on January 27, 2012 where we will celebrate the Teachers of the Year.

The Foundation continues to need the support of **all** members of our community to help preserve the excellence of our schools. You can help us make a difference for our children. We cannot do it without your help.

Typically most of the donations and funds raised by the Foundation go into the Annual Fund and provide funding for teaching positions each school year. However, you may also donate directly to any of our endowment funds. New this year is the Annual Fund Endowment where 10% of every Annual Fund contribution will be allocated to create a long-term, self-sustaining annuity for supporting the district. More information about each of the endowments is available on our website.

Please join us in investing in the future by taking time today to mail a check or donate at our website www.cfsdfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Johnson
President, CFSD Foundation Board of Trustees
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