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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

As a parent of a Kindergartener, I have been surprised at how much fundraising the PTA has to do to make up gaps in funding, including helping teachers buy supplies for their classroom and stock libraries. Parents spend hours volunteering, and most of those hours take away time from their kids and families. It would be wonderful for that volunteer time to go to the classrooms, to helping kids and teachers directly, rather than fundraising to ensure that the school has the basics. Imagine if the hours of fundraising were converted to parents helping with reading, math, science, etc.

We need music, we need PE, we need safe playgrounds for our kids. We need support for our teachers with training opportunities. Kids need the option of counselors at their school to provide a safe adult resource.

Please fund our schools!

Sincerely,
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