



NESTogether: Upper Grades General Fund Campaign

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Welcome NEST+m 9th and 10th Grade Families! We are thrilled to have you be part of the NEST+m community.

The NEST+m General Fund campaign for the 2020-2021 school year would traditionally kick off with orientation. As in prior years, it is imperative that we come together as a community and collectively compensate for the DOE's budgetary shortfall that our school faces so that our enrichment programs at the upper grade levels — including academic and sports teams, outstanding music and arts programs, clubs, college advising and so much more — are fully funded. This coming academic year will be no different, as we anticipate an even smaller budget from the DOE, and we will need even more help from families.

Historically, we would share with you the recommended tax-deductible donation (last year was \$1,000 per child; less than \$85 per month) to help meet the "funding gap". However, we realize that these are not normal times, and that due to the circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic things are uncertain and we have yet to finalize our budget for programming for the 2020-2021 academic year. Therefore we will officially kick off our General Fund campaign in a few more weeks, once we know more about what our school year will look like and what our budgetary needs will be.

Until then, if you would like to contribute to the General Fund on-line, please go to www.nestmpta.org.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vpfundraising@nestmpta.org.

Sincerely,

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