

### Our vision:

To help foster educational outcomes in the Ravenswood City School District that are on par with students from the surrounding communities.

### Our mission:

To raise funds for essential programs and personnel to ensure quality schools, teachers and programs for the students of the Ravenswood City School District.

We work with the District to rally the local community and surrounding supporters around student achievement.

### Our strategy:

- Projects that create engagement
- Partnerships that support sustainability
- Initiatives that promote achievement

### Our schools (serving 3,800 students):

James Flood (K-5)  
 Belle Haven (K-8)  
 Brentwood (K-5)  
 Costaño/49er Academy (K-8)  
 Willow Oaks (K-8)  
 Green Oaks (K-5)  
 Cesar Chavez (6-8)  
 McNair Academy (6-8)  
 Child Development Center (Preschool)

### Ravenswood Education Foundation

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Charley Scandlyn, 2008-present

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Over 1,500 supporters, including you!

## Ravenswood Education Foundation

2010-2011



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**WHAT A YEAR!**

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## From Charley

Dear REF Community,

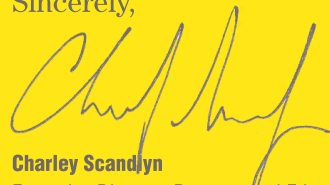
Just three short years ago, the Ravenswood Education Foundation was formed alongside the Ravenswood City School District to support its goal to raise academic achievement. We started with a mission to help 3800 public school children in East Palo Alto and east Menlo Park, offering the same kind of extra aid that our surrounding communities provide their public schools.

As the accompanying information shows, we are helping make good things happen in our schools. We continue to focus more resources where they will make the biggest difference to educational outcomes while also enlarging the number of people sharing their valuable time, talents, and more.

The all-important signs of momentum are there, and the upward trend of API scores over the last few years is but one example. This year we want to seize that momentum, growing success in the classroom and further expanding our engaged community of supporters, comprised more and more of families from the neighborhoods around our schools.

Thank you for your generosity. We hope you and many others will join us in keeping the momentum building in the year ahead!

Sincerely,



**Charley Scandlyn**  
Executive Director, Ravenswood Education Foundation  
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## Together in 2009/2010 we accomplished:

### Student achievement

- ✓ 650 students at 3 sites had longer school days, resulting in greater learning retention.
- ✓ 350 students attended summer academies at 3 sites tailored for academic growth for the following year.

### Teacher excellence

- ✓ A full-time literacy coach supported district staff to implement a language arts intervention curriculum, facilitate teacher lesson planning, and oversee student progress.
- ✓ 49 classrooms were supported by local families to provide supplies, teaching support, and much needed volunteer hours.
- ✓ Teacher appreciation programs, such as coffee carts, RAFT memberships, and school supply bags, fostered a sense of community.

### Parent engagement

- ✓ Parent volunteers participated in school makeover projects at all 9 schools.
- ✓ REF issued challenge grants to all schools to increase parent engagement.

## The results are clear:

- ✓ District API scores increased by 51 points over the past two years to 688, continuing an upward trend.
- ✓ Teacher retention reached 88%, the highest retention rate achieved in years.
- ✓ A full-time parent outreach coordinator has been funded for the upcoming year.
- ✓ Momentum is building!

## Work to do in 2010/2011:

- Provide an extended school day for 900 students for the entire school year.
- Offer summer academies to 600 students.
- Increase parent involvement at each of our schools through the new parent outreach coordinator.
- Develop a high school transition plan for 8th grade families.

## 5 ways the REF community can help us close the gap:

- **Contribute to our annual campaign**  
Your gift will have twice the impact through a \$100,000 matching challenge grant.
- **Sponsor our gala**  
Join supporters at our 4th annual gala at the Four Seasons in East Palo Alto in March, 2011.
- **Join a project team**  
Volunteer with community partners to refurbish and remodel classrooms and schools throughout the district.
- **Adopt a classroom**  
Get a group of friends and families together to adopt a classroom and teacher by providing support, supplies, and volunteer hours.
- **Leverage your leadership**  
Host an event, join in a community volunteer activity, or help out on one of our strategic initiatives: Extended School Day, 8th Grade Transition, Teacher Support and Appreciation, Parent Outreach, and Summer Academies.

To participate in any one of these projects, please contact Charley Scandlyn, [charley@ravenswoodef.org](mailto:charley@ravenswoodef.org).