



## Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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Dear Argonne Community,

Please find attached the PTO's proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year. We invite you to review it carefully and bring it along with any questions/concerns to the last PTO meeting of the school year scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st 6-7:30pm (in the library, childcare provided).

Our plan is to review this budget and approve it at that meeting. We welcome your input.

Given the state's enormous budget crisis Argonne has had to address significant cuts to our school budget. We have come up with a budget proposal we are very proud of, which reflects considerable parent and teacher input offered at the May PTO meeting. This budget continues to supplement Argonne's curriculum by funding art, music, dance, physical education, computer training, and field trips. This year, however, in the face of District budget cuts, the PTO has also been asked to provide additional funding for "core services and support" in the classrooms. In order to support basic reading, writing and math curricula, additional PTO dollars will fund our reading team and the social and emotional support Argonne provides to students and their families. Without this support we could not continue to provide the high quality education we have offered in the past.

Because of parent support and well-managed PTO budgets, we are able to meet this challenge by relying, in part, on some reserves. But, our community must also understand that if the PTO is going to play a larger role in supporting Argonne's curriculum, programming and family services, we **MUST** raise more money. Our 2010-11 proposed budget contemplates raising \$150,000 -- a 25% increase from last year. Each year, the PTO raises money for our school through our annual giving letter, Mayfair, and several other fundraising activities. For context, our proposed budget means that we will need to raise approximately \$450 for every Argonne student to meet our goal.

Argonne is a very special community and we are confident that, working together, we can raise the funds we need to keep our school strong. Please review the budget, attend the PTO meeting this coming Tuesday and get involved in any way you can!

Many thanks.  
Robin, Adina & Phil  
PTO co-chairs