

**You are part of
our community.**

2015-2016 Annual Fund

October 28, 2015

Dear Community,

It is with a great sense of excitement and purpose that I invite you to be part of this year's Annual Fund.

In my role as Head of School, I have the joy of visiting our five campuses and seeing our school become a beacon for bilingual education in the USA. I am continually reminded of why we are driving this ambitious agenda: it is for our 1,000+ students - supporting them in their education here and equipping them for their futures.

Three themes are very relevant to us as a learning community and underpin our Annual Fund this year:

- **strengthening our educational offering**
- **making our curriculum as accessible as possible through financial aid**
- **investing in our teachers**

I would like to share just some of the exciting things we are doing to fulfill these themes.

In elementary, where 70% of our students are currently enrolled, we have created a new English Academic Leader position, and are implementing a STEM program in English in 3rd-5th grade. We have also added a new Music specialist position, to complement the Theatre specialist, recognizing the strong place of the arts in our community, and have introduced Bilingual Hours in every class, to reinforce our students' metalinguistic skills.

We are thrilled to have opened a middle school at our Orange County campus this year, now offering our unique bilingual program to our Orange community in 7th grade this year and 8th grade next.

We are the first school in the United States to offer the French Ministry of Education's *Section Internationale Américaine* in middle school, leading to the international French *Brevet* and *Baccalauréat* diplomas in 2017 and 2020 respectively.

Our College Counseling provision is growing, and we have just appointed a dedicated International Baccalaureate Diploma Coordinator, whose role will be to strengthen our IB program.

But we are acutely aware that having a world-class academic program is only part of the recipe for success for our students. Their well-being is of paramount importance, which is why we are developing a whole-school Well-being Education program called WE LILA (or "oui LILA" in French!).

We also want to ensure that our academic program is accessible to a range of students and families, which is why we are redoubling our efforts to ensure that financial aid grows to accommodate this goal.

Finally, our teachers are an amazing group of dynamic, global professionals, very much invested in the education of our students. Our pedagogical goals can only come to fruition with quality teachers. We need to invest in them. Doing so will only result in improved outcomes for our students.

To help realize these dreams, and many others, we need your support. Help us build our community, one piece at a time, and give as generously as you can.

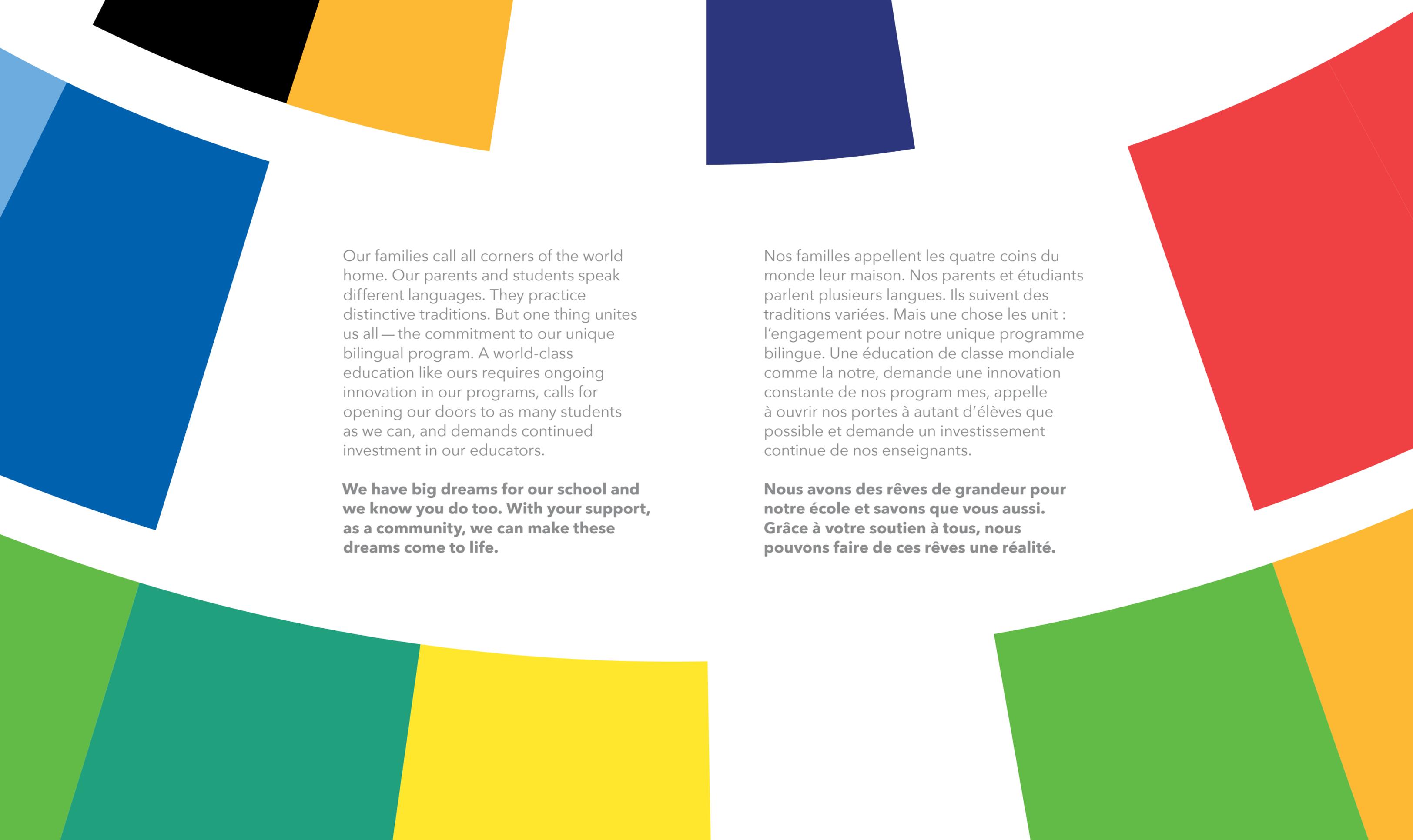
Our goal for this year's Annual Fund is \$500,000.00. Our campaign is ably led by Los Feliz parent, Jean-Luc De Fanti, who will be supported by Campus Chairs, their teams of Class Leaders, and, of course, our Campus Directors.

Thank you in advance for supporting this team of devoted volunteers, and in turn our wonderful school.

Best regards,



Michael Maniska
Head of School



Our families call all corners of the world home. Our parents and students speak different languages. They practice distinctive traditions. But one thing unites us all — the commitment to our unique bilingual program. A world-class education like ours requires ongoing innovation in our programs, calls for opening our doors to as many students as we can, and demands continued investment in our educators.

We have big dreams for our school and we know you do too. With your support, as a community, we can make these dreams come to life.

Nos familles appellent les quatre coins du monde leur maison. Nos parents et étudiants parlent plusieurs langues. Ils suivent des traditions variées. Mais une chose les unit : l'engagement pour notre unique programme bilingue. Une éducation de classe mondiale comme la notre, demande une innovation constante de nos programmes, appelle à ouvrir nos portes à autant d'élèves que possible et demande un investissement continu de nos enseignants.

Nous avons des rêves de grandeur pour notre école et savons que vous aussi. Grâce à votre soutien à tous, nous pouvons faire de ces rêves une réalité.



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