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# PRAIRIE CROSSING CHARTER SCHOOL



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## Our Annual Appeal for 2014

Dear PCCS Community

It has been a busy year indeed. This past July, we were granted a renewed Charter through 2019. It was well deserved and based on the commitment, hard work and support of you and your children. We appreciate you choosing to be a part of our community. You are why we are here.

With your financial support, we will continue to provide your child with the high-quality public school education because, as described in our mission:

*We Believe that Children are our Best Hope to Improve the World*

### Results

Along with our charter agreement, this year PCCS is recognized as one of the top 50 School districts in the State. Adding that accolade to our **2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award** and our **2012 Green Ribbon Award** are good indicators that our students are becoming natural leaders as they grow. We are continuing to improve and some highlights this year alone include:

- ✎ Launching our 1:1 Chromebook Pilot program to help bring additional 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to the classroom,
- ✎ Offering an improved website to make communication easier for existing families, prospective families and our community,
- ✎ Expanding our innovational reading programs in the lower grade bands to establish a firm foundation through early intervention and enrichment,
- ✎ Increasing our outreach efforts to elevate awareness of the choice of award-winning education to any family that wants to join our community,
- ✎ Implementing a departmentalized 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade model that will assist better student transition to high school,
- ✎ Restructuring the school leadership model to provide a closer relationships between the Administration and the Faculty and,
- ✎ Elevating our Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) initiatives to increase students' social, emotional and academic success.

Yet we can do more. We can reach higher.

To do this, we ask you to consider making a year-end investment.

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**Resistance**

With the granting of our new charter agreement, also came an attack from Woodland District 50 that is resulting in PCCS having to defend an unfounded lawsuit, which seeks to close our school. While we maintain that there is no basis for Woodland's claims, we are also absorbing legal expenses to safeguard our existence and offer a choice for public education for parents.

To date, the school has spent in excess of \$34,000 in legal fees defending our right to exist as a public school. That means, so far, that \$86 per child enrolled, has been diverted from the classroom to the courtroom and we estimate that this will continue until March.

*Many of you have asked what you can do to help. Investing in our Annual Appeal is one way you can do so.*

**Response**

We will continue to improve our school, our environmental learning, our curriculum and our campus.

Together, we can continue to take our children farther and help them achieve their full potential, developing our children into strong, self-assured adults, ready for high school and beyond.

Today, we launch our Annual Appeal; we hope that you **help us protect and grow the school we built together** by investing our students' future.

PCCS is a 501C3 and your contributions are fully tax deductible.

PCCS thrives and fulfills its mission because of you.

Sincerely,  
Prairie Crossing Charter School



Geoff Deigan  
Executive Director

**2014 Annual Appeal I'd Like to Help!**

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