

Dear Cottage Community,

As we enter into the season of gratitude and giving, we are reaching out to you today for your support of our Cottage teachers, who need our help more than ever before. The Fun Fair, which can't happen due to the pandemic, typically raises \$20,000. We need help filling this gap! As a PTO Board we are asking you to consider a one-time donation toward a **2020-21 Cougar Capital Campaign**. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by November 9, 2020. If every family were to give \$50, we would be able to make our goal. Your contribution allows the PTO to provide supplies/technology not otherwise available through the school's budget. We understand that some families may not be able to contribute, especially during these hard economic times. Please give what you can to help make this challenging year a success.

As a PTO, we have been meeting with our teachers and staff to figure out what they need to effectively and safely work with our children. **Your donation will help the PTO provide the necessary equipment to support both hybrid and remote learning** by providing:

- Microphones for the teachers so students at home can hear their teachers
- Projector for gym teachers
- Rolling laptop stands that allow teachers to move around the classroom
- Longer audio cables so students in the classroom can hear the remote students
- Classroom microphones so that remote students can hear students in class
- External speakers for the specialists so they can hear your children at home
- Access to supplemental educational platforms (e.g. Raz Kids)
- Enrichment programs for our children in their classes during the school year
- Additional school supplies and PPE as needed and requested by teachers and staff

Thank you for helping to do your part in making this year a success! You can donate to the PTO Cougar Capital Campaign via:

- <https://givebutter.com/CottagePTO>
- Checks made out to *Cottage Street School PTO* and mailed to Cottage PTO, 30 Cottage Street, Sharon, MA 02067

In Gratitude,

Your PTO Board

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