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Dear Malibu Middle/High School Families and Friends,

The theme as we begin this 2018-2019 school year is change and celebration. We have many changes coming and much to celebrate! As you may have heard, effective July 1, 2018, Malibu schools achieved autonomy and control over fundraising for our schools. We're on our own – there is no more SMMEF. We have full local control over how we fundraise, what the money pays for, and where it stays (Malibu schools). Again, all donations made to Malibu schools will be used only in Malibu Schools. **Our dollars, Our Schools.** This is the result of years of community effort, and there will be much more information in the coming weeks and months outlining how it will work with the Malibu community fundraising collectively for Malibu schools, but for now this is cause for celebration!

This year, more than ever, it is of crucial importance to give generously to The Shark Fund in support of our students and school so we may maintain the high-level educational standards that allow our students to achieve all they, and we, dream of. Therefore, in addition to our usual donation request, you will also be asked for a small increase to cover the staff and programs previously funded by SMMEF. We are requesting a donation of \$2,500 per student, or more if you are able, in order to ensure the same programs and staff will remain in place including instructional aides in arts, science, athletics, after-school tutoring, and other programs. Our goal is 100% participation so any amount is appreciated. Beginning next school year, our Malibu community will be working together with our school administrators to determine what programs and personnel are needed and wanted at our local schools.

Thank you to all our donors, parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and administrators. Your contributions and efforts are invaluable as we surf this historic wave of educational progress for our local community.

Go Sharks!

Yours respectfully,

Gardia Fox  
Chairwoman, The Shark Fund

P.S. To make an online donation, please visit: <https://thesharkfund.kindful.com>