

Take action to make a positive impact with PTA dollars at Cragmont

Our goal as a PTA:
Positively impact the lives of all children and families

The inequity of school funding

The "wealth" of a school depends deeply on the skills, energy and time that parents, guardians, students, and community bring.

This is because the state of California spends little per student compared to the wealth of our state.

LATEST CA STATE DATA 2018-19

\$14,174

CA spent \$940 less per student than the national average, \$12,460 less per student than NY

2.88%

of the state's GDP (compared to 3.37% nationwide) - a "D" rating

BUSD elementary school PTAs raised a total of more than \$1.5 M in 2020-21. In 2021-22, most of the Cragmont PTA's 750+ volunteer hours was spent on fundraising. We expect to net \$112k to support 22-23.

WE HAVE TO ASK...

1. How can we use our energy better?
2. What's our priority area?
3. How can we effectively help children and families, especially with COVID?
4. How can we build equity in our school, within BUSD, and beyond?



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The options for 2022-23

OPTION A: Maintain previous year's funding

- The bulk of our resources (56%) go to funding positions for art and dance.
- This leaves little left to expand services to our community to help address needs like family support, mental health issues, the achievement gap).

OPTION B: Make some shifts to re-prioritize

- A slight reduction in position percentage helps funnel funds other places and allows a smaller portion (46%) for positions.
- This allows us to expand PTA support in certain areas like: teacher mini grants, support for socio-economically disadvantaged families, academic pilots, and money set aside to address emerging needs.

OPTION C: Reduce the fundraising burden

- When PTAs fund positions, we put ourselves in a spot where some schools "have" and others "have not". This option removes all positions and adds more to direct teacher and student support, including fully funding MOSAIC for 4th grade and options for kids to experience the arts.
- With an agreement to move toward this model for 2023-24, the Cragmont Fund would be our sole fundraiser during 2022-23.

TAKE ACTION:

1. Learn more at cragmont.org/budget
2. Email your thoughts to treasurer@cragmont.org
3. Attend the PTA meeting W 5/11 @7p