



Support South Campaign

South Elementary School PTO

October 1, 2022

Dear South Families,

We hope you'll join us in the tenth annual **Support South Campaign**, the *primary fundraiser* for South School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We need funds to provide our school with supplies, technology, and programs that will ensure our students and teachers can continue our amazing South traditions and have their best year yet!

We kindly ask families for a voluntary, tax-deductible contribution. We greatly appreciate any amount you are comfortable giving. The suggested amount is **\$60-\$100 per child**.

It's important that you know **100% of your donation will directly benefit our students**. As we gear up for the **2022-23 school year**, please take a minute to review the back of this letter for a breakdown on **what your contributions will go toward**. We also encourage you to visit our PTO website at hinghamsouthpto.org for a complete outline of the 2022-23 PTO budget for funding events and programs for the teachers, staff, and students at South.

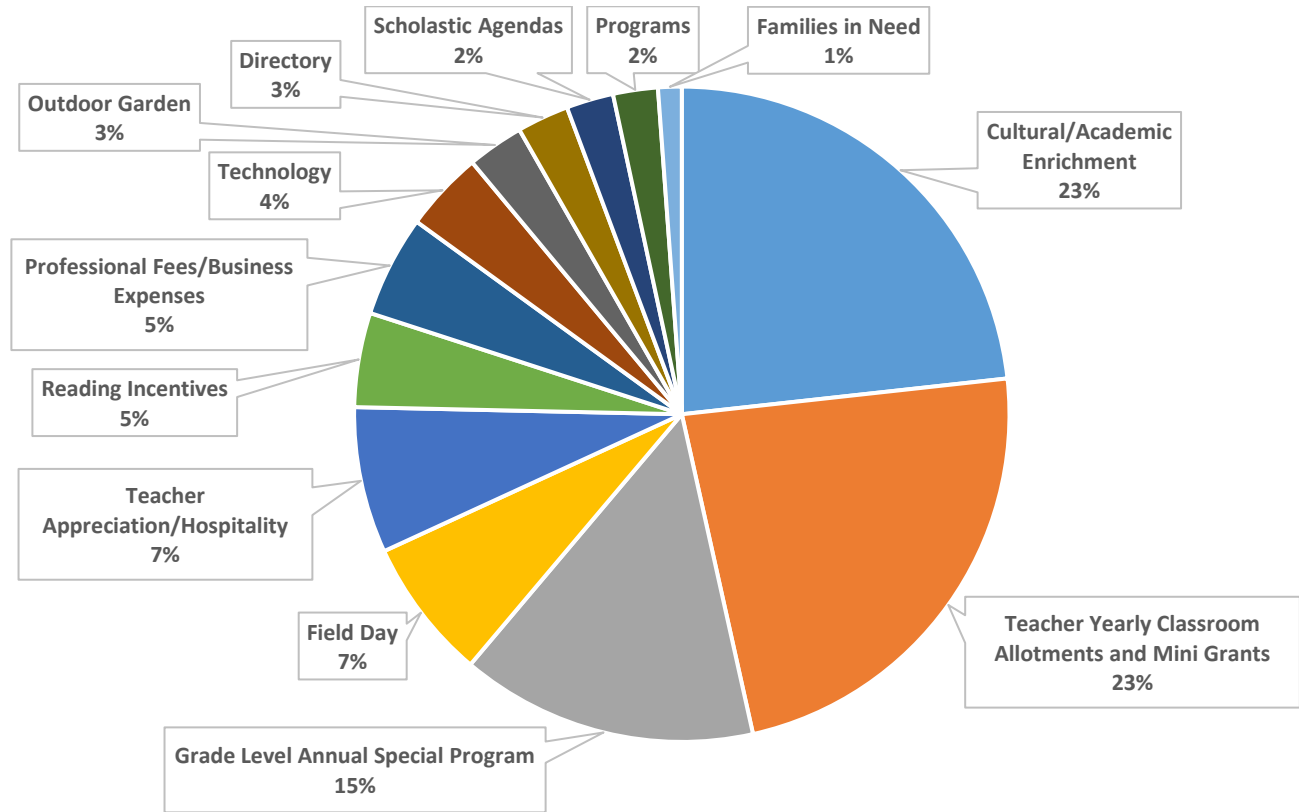
Our goal is to attain **100% participation**. Checks can be made out to the **South School PTO and returned in the attached envelope via your child's backpack**. Donations can also be made by PayPal at hinghamsouthpto.org. Please keep in mind that many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees.

Your contributions provide invaluable financial support for our children's education and enrichment. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Brindey Marine and Moriah Rogers, PTO Co-Presidents
Alison Chamberlain and Amber Gladeau, PTO Co-Vice President

South School PTO Expenditures 2022-2023



Cultural/Academic Enrichment: The Cultural and Academic Enrichment Committee uses PTO raised funds to enhance and supplement cultural and educational programs for our students. These are based on teacher requests and recommendations. Some examples of past year programs include visits from: The Boston Museum of Science, Irish Step Dancers, Reading Rocks, Johnny the K, Bay Colony Educators, New England Aquarium Tidal Pool, South Shore Ballet, author Brian Lies, author David Biedrzycki, author Marty Kelly, recorder artist David Coffin, musician Ed Sorrentino, Liam the Poet and Harvard Acapella.

Teacher Yearly Classroom Allotments and Mini Grants: Teachers frequently use their own money to purchase supplies for their classrooms. To offset this, the South PTO annually provides every teacher \$125 and every Specialist \$100 for classroom supplies. Teachers and staff can also apply for mini-grants from the PTO for classroom needs.

Grade Level Annual Special Programs: The South PTO provides funding for yearly Kindergarten Activities, 1st Grade Musical, 2nd Grade Poetry Festival, 3rd Grade Timeline, 4th Grade State Fair and 5th Grade Classroom Activities.

Programs: These PTO funded programs include 1000 Book Club, BOKS, Get Smart About Art, 5th Grade Leadership Club and Math Olympics.