

# *Growing Young Minds*



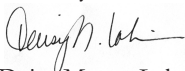
Dear Friends,

In order to maintain the excellent educational programs at Overland Elementary School for Advanced Studies, Friends of Overland (FOO) has had to fund more than \$50,000 above last year's budget. We currently face the possibility of more cuts to education, and many vital programs are still at risk.

The majority of the funds we raise are earmarked to help pay salaries that directly impact our children's experience in the classroom including: teacher's aides and a class-size reduction teacher, an instructional coordinator, music, computer and science lab instructors, a librarian, teacher teaming and office support. FOO is still supporting the drama program, and there are 11 new iMacs in the computer lab thanks to parents who "Raised the Paddle" at last year's auction.

Please join us on March 13 at the 21st Annual FOO Gala and Auction, as we celebrate the achievements and dreams of our students and the dedication of our teachers, staff, families, corporate sponsors and community. Your attendance and generosity will help ensure that we can respond to whatever new cuts are made and support the growing list of needs for things like computers, science lab supplies, art materials, and the outstanding instructors who bring these programs to life. I look forward to seeing you at the auction.

Sincerely,



Daisy Moore Lalwani  
President, Friends of Overland