

Dear Friends,

After months of distance learning, we were grateful to return to in-person instruction at Friends School of Minnesota this fall. With thoughtful, informed COVID protocols in place, faculty, staff and students have found their rhythm. We take joy in being together and celebrate the **curiosity, exploration, and discovery that are the touchstones of FSMN's progressive, Quaker-inspired education.**

Our experiences of the past year and a half have also reminded us that **FSMN is held by our community**, both near and far. Thank you for helping us stay strong and vibrant by sharing your time, kind words of support, and financial gifts. This year, we ask that you consider a gift to the **2021-22 Friends Fund** in keeping with your light and resources.

FSMN teachers continue to make equity and inclusion, environmental education, conflict resolution, and service learning come alive for our students. Yet, our return to school this year is not simply a return to business as "normal," but a **time of healing, change, and renewal**. In response to these urgent needs, we are transforming FSMN in new and meaningful ways:

- FSMN's Equity Statement is guiding fresh approaches to hiring practices, educational programming, fundraising, and committee work.
- Teachers and specialists are collaborating on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a framework for inclusive learning practices.
- Advancement staff are amplifying awareness of FSMN through marketing and communications initiatives and a strong presence at community events.
- Teachers are expanding environmental education with field trips to cultural destinations to raise awareness of local history and foster a commitment to environmental justice.
- Staff are working with consultants to explore energy efficiency to lower costs and make the school building more climate resilient.



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We hope you will join us as we challenge ourselves to create an FSMN education for the future by making a **gift to the 2021-22 Friends Fund**. The Friends Fund (formerly, the Annual Fund) is an important FSMN fundraising vehicle that promotes the school's financial well-being and exceptional educational programming. You can return the enclosed envelope with your gift or use the QR code on the front of this letter to visit fsmn.org/donate/.

We would also be delighted to talk to you in greater detail about our programs. Feel free to reach out at any time at 651-917-0636 to share your hopes and dreams for the future of Friends School of Minnesota.

In partnership,

Joe Mueller
Head of School

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