Dear Friends of FSMN,

At FSMN, we are immersed in the school year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Our enrollment has increased and we are serving our school community in new and exciting ways, from the ordinary (a new daily lunch program) to the aspirational (completing phase one of a lighting efficiency upgrade).

We are grateful for your partnership in the past and hope you will consider making a contribution to the Friends Fund this year. Your gift to the Friends Fund allows FSMN students to "learn by doing" as they participate in FSMN's mission pillars: conflict resolution, environmental stewardship, social justice, and Quaker-inspired values.

In this time of conflict, climate change, and polarization, Friends School of Minnesota continues to educate students for a future of resiliency and hope. FSMN's conflict resolution program - where resolving disagreements takes precedence over "being right" - enables our students to learn how to navigate daily challenges in productive ways.

Some other recent examples of our mission-driven activities include:

- Field trips to the Rondo and Frogtown neighborhoods to explore the history, geography, and cultural variety of our local community.
- Celebrating our connections to the wider FSMN community through inperson events like the Minneapolis Monarch Festival, Move As U Choose/Fall Fest, and Friends Gathering for Racial Justice.



"I overheard my daughter in conflict with a friend during a playdate and realized I didn't need to intervene - due to Friends School's conflict resolution program, she already knew how to handle it on her own." (a Tundra parent)

- Updating and diversifying our library to include more local authors and authors and protagonists of color.
- Teaching games and sports to encourages trust and cooperation.

Your gift to the Friends Fund promotes FSMN's financial well-being and our unique educational programming. You can also help us meet our equity goals as we strive to offer a quality, accessible education to more than 45% of FSMN families who receive some level of tuition aid.

If you have already included Friends Fund in your recent giving, or are one of our loyal sustaining donors, thank you!

As a valued member of our school community, we invite you to arrange a visit, give us a call at 651-917-0636, attend an event, or join us for a community Meeting for Worship on Wednesdays from 8:45 to 9:10 am. We look forward to seeing you!

In partnership,

Joe Mueller Head of School

Chuck Gillen-O'Neel School Committee Clerk



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