



## **Annual Pledge Drive Now until November 18th, 2011 Pledge Now!**

### **REASONS TO PARTICIPATE**

- 1) Your child is receiving a top notch education that is costing you very little. Think about how much you paid for pre-school.
- 2) Ask your kids if they like their school.
- 3) Everybody's doing it! Don't be left out!
- 4) **Pizza!** Every class with greater than 90% participation by November 18th will get to have a Pizza Party.
- 5) The class that raises the most funds by November 18<sup>th</sup> will win a **Digital Camera** for their class (weighted by class size).

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1) The State of California provides about \$2.3 million dollars a year in funding for our school. Our operating budget is \$2.656 million. That means we need to make up **\$356,000** (\$336,000 in fundraising and \$20,000 in grants). This works out to roughly **\$1000 per child** in fundraising.
- 2) Charter schools receive public funding through LAUSD. Traditional LAUSD schools are funded at average of \$9820 per child including categorical funding. Our school receives about \$6970 per child. That's a difference of **\$2850!**
- 3) The average Private School costs about \$20,000. The least expensive private school option is around \$7000. And they still expect fundraising!
- 4) Charter School success depends on strategic planning to allocate funds for operational expenses. Your Pledge goes directly toward that goal.

### **TOTAL PARTICIPATION**

- 1) Our charter depends on participation by our parents. One of the ways that is measured is by the participation in the Pledge Drive. Your participation counts!
- 2) Not everyone can write the big check, but every bit counts.
- 3) If you look at the numbers, a \$1000 pledge breaks down to about \$1 an hour for your child. That \$1 goes a long way to provide a great education.
- 4) **All our staff and teachers have already pledged! Now it's our turn.**



## 3RD ANNUAL GIVING PLEDGE DRIVE

Yes, I want to participate in the GICS Pledge Drive by donating the following amount  
(check one or more of the following)

- ☐ **\$3,000**      **Community Donor**  
*A Perpetual Plaque displaying your name will hang in the office*
- ☐ **\$1,000**      **Suggested Amount per family**  
☐ (+ \$100 per additional child)
- ☐ **\$500**    ☐ **\$250**    ☐ **\$100**    ☐ **Other:\$**

Name:

Child's Name(s) and Grade(s)

Address:

Email:  Phone:

**Ways you can make your gift. Please check one of the following:**

☐ Write a check payable to: *Goethe International Charter School*. Attach your check to this form and drop it in the fundraising box in the office.

☐ Pledge a donation

☐ To be paid in one installment by November 18, 2011

☐ To be paid in installments by: ☐ check ☐ cash ☐ credit card

☐ Installment payment to be made: ☐ In the office ☐ Online payment plan or  
☐ Online with your bank.

**As of September 13, 2011, we are proud to announce 100% Board participation and 100% faculty and staff participation in the 3rd Annual Giving Pledge Drive.**

**Our Goal is 100% parent participation.**

Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations are non-refundable.