

Dear Friends:

We are your neighbors, the Jefferys and the Spiegler, longtime supporters of our schools and current LPIE board members. As we look ahead to next school year, we are writing to tell you about LPIE's Major Donor program. We hope that you will join us in supporting this worthwhile cause.



A little about us



SCOTT & KIRSTEN JEFFERY

We have lived in Lafayette since 2010 when we moved here from San Francisco. Like so many others who move to Lafayette, the excellent schools were a primary reason we chose to live here. This year, our daughter Addyson will be a freshman at Acalanes and our two boys, Aiden and AJ,

will be entering the 5th and 4th grades at Happy Valley Elementary. We initially became involved with LPIE while attending events such as the Annual Gala, where we get to celebrate our community's dedication to our schools. However, once we learned about the critical role LPIE plays in supporting our children's education, we began to support the organization in a more significant fashion. Not only are we Major Donors, but we volunteer time as part of LPIE's fundraising team because we know how important this is to ensure the ongoing excellent education we expect for our children.



JOE & LISA SPIEGLER

We have lived in Lafayette since 2016 when we moved here from Chicago. Like Kirsten and Scott, we chose to live in Lafayette because we wanted to live in a friendly community with excellent public schools. This year, our daughter Ava will be a senior at Acalanes. As a newcomer to Lafayette, Lisa

initially became involved in LPIE because she wanted to meet people and be a closer part of our daughter's educational experience. Upon learning how important LPIE was to continuing the robust education programs in Lafayette schools, Lisa volunteered on the LPIE board and has held multiple positions including being a past President. Joe saw firsthand how impactful the donations to LPIE are to our schools and the breadth of people and programs it funded, so this year he chose to join the board as well. We care about LPIE because we value public education and want to be a part of giving back directly to our local community.

Why are we LPIE Major Donors?

The Lafayette public schools could not do what they do without the funding that LPIE provides. As we got involved with LPIE, we were surprised to learn how little the state provides to our local public schools. Lisa and Joe, coming from Chicago, were even more shocked upon learning that our local property taxes do not go directly to our own schools, but instead to a general pool that is then reallocated. Once we realized how crucial LPIE's support is for our schools and how different they would look without LPIE, we were all in.

The 2021-2022 school year will be one where we need to double down on at least meeting, if not exceeding, the level of educational support that initially drew us to Lafayette. We all want to give our kids the best chance for success, and to support them as they get back to the classrooms—fully, in-person—after an incredibly challenging year.

LPIE dollars directly fund the things that create a high-caliber education. A few but important examples are classroom aides to keep student-teacher ratios low and wellness and counseling services for our students who need extra support. These things will be more important than ever this year. We also care deeply about

raising culturally-aware children, who are proud of themselves and welcoming of others, so we appreciate LPIE's financial commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at our schools.

This past year, Major Donors made up 33% of LPIE's total fundraising, and are critical to helping fill the gap between the insufficient funding our schools receive from the state and the true cost of providing our children with an excellent education.

What are the benefits of becoming an LPIE Major Donor?

Being Major Donors means we are playing a huge part in guaranteeing our kids' educational experience is second to none. We also realize that if we have the capacity to give more, it's important to do so on behalf of those who can't. We believe that when all children flourish, it creates a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

As a Major Donor of LPIE, you will be recognized in the LPIE Annual Report, be invited to special events including the exclusive Annual Major Donor Holiday Party, and get early access to Gala tickets (which always sells out in hours, and this year will be held in-person at the Four Seasons in San Francisco!). 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

How do you become an LPIE Major Donor?

LPIE Major Donors are those individuals, families, or businesses that contribute \$5,000 or more annually to LPIE in support of our local schools.

Donations can be made in a one-time payment, in quarterly payments, or monthly payments. If you work at a company that has a matching program, the amount of the company match counts towards your Major Donor status.

Finally, if you have a business and join LPIE's business partner program, in addition to being recognized as a Major Donor, that contribution unlocks a variety of other benefits for your business.

Please join us as Major Donors and make this year the best one yet. If you have any questions about the program or LPIE in general, please reach out to any one of us. As parents and volunteers, we have been so inspired by this group of individuals who have chosen to prioritize local public education above all else. We look forward to welcoming more members of the community in celebrating and supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott & Kirsten Jeffery



Joe & Lisa Spiegler

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