



Urgent Appeal: Please Help Secure the Future of Green Isle Community School!

Dear Valued Community and Business Members,

As many of you know, for 18 years Green Isle Community School has stood as a beacon of education and community in our cherished neighborhood. However, in the face of evolving challenges, we reach out to you with a sense of urgency and humility, seeking your support to ensure the continued success of our beloved school.

In the aftermath of the pandemic, our enrollment has dwindled by 35%, and the path to recovery appears long. We are at a critical juncture where swift action is needed to bolster our numbers and bring vitality back to our halls. We implore you to be our new champions - spread the word, share your positive experiences, and encourage new families to join our tight-knit community. Time is of the essence, and your advocacy is our lifeline!

Regrettably, with the combination of decreased enrollment and unforeseen budget discrepancies that have come to light, it has resulted in a deficit that threatens our institution. Please understand that these discrepancies were not intentional, but arose from the intricacies of budgeting, exacerbated by the complexities of various COVID funds. To bridge this financial gap, we urgently seek your support through donations.

Despite implementing significant budget cuts, our current resources are insufficient to meet our financial obligations until the projected enrollment boost materializes. We humbly request your assistance in any capacity, as every contribution, no matter how small, will make a meaningful impact on Green Isle Community School.

As a nonprofit, 501c3 organization, we can provide the necessary documentation for tax purposes for all donations. Your generosity will not only help us overcome the immediate challenges but will also contribute to the long-term success of our school.

The importance of sustaining our school goes beyond the boundaries of its classrooms, embracing the professional lives of devoted staff members who have dedicated their time and hearts to our children. Equally important is the profound impact on our broader community - those who, as taxpayers, share a collective investment in the well-being and prosperity of our school.

Bringing awareness to the potential consequences of falling short of our fundraising objectives loom large, casting a shadow that is far and wide. The closure of our school not only disrupts the educational journey of our students and professional trajectories of our staff but also reverberates through the very fabric of our community. The ripple effects include the loss of valuable employment opportunities in Green Isle and the erosion of a proud identity associated with being home to the only school in town, and a subsequent burden on local taxpayers.

As an organization our goal is to raise \$340,000 within the next year which will reverse our current Statutory Operating Debt and relieve our outstanding invoices. This will not be possible without the cohesive support of the surrounding community. We are optimistic though that with extensive connections that we can make great strides in achieving and even exceeding this goal!

How can you help?

- Your word of mouth is invaluable! Share about GICS's academic success and service learning program!
- Comment / Like / Share our social media posts so they have greater outreach
- Share this with your employer, family and friends and encourage them to share or donate if they are able.
- Be part of the fundraising or marketing committee
- Make a generous donation of any amount.

How you can donate:

- In person or mailed to the school office
- Mailed to Cornerstone State Bank in Green Isle, or for your convenience placed in the drop box. Checks should be made out to Green Isle Community School and contain the memo "Donation".
- A Go-Fund-Me can be found <https://gofund.me/70af35f6>
- **We already have our first supporter to agree to matching the first \$20,000 in donations!!!!**

Mailing Information:

Green Isle Community School
190 McGrann St
P.O. Box 277
Green Isle, Mn 55338

Cornerstone State Bank
451 3rd St
PO Box 128
Green Isle, MN 55338

We extend an open invitation to the entire community to visit us, take a tour, and witness our exceptional program in action. Our commitment to small class sizes and individualized learning plans has proven to be transformative, positively impacting not just academics but the holistic development of each child. Your support will empower us to continue making a difference in the lives of our students.

What's Next?

- GICS Roundtable Rally on Thursday December 14th at 5:30pm - 6:15pm in the Gym, stay for our Winter program at 6:30pm
- Form an active fundraising and marketing committee
- School Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 19th, at 5:30pm

In the meantime if you have any immediate questions please contact school.board@greenislecommunityschool.org. Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing support for Green Isle Community School. Together, we can ensure that our school continues to thrive as a cornerstone of our community.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

Green Isle Community School Board of Directors

Scan for our GoFundMe!

