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Dear HSAS Families,

We are writing to you to request a donation to fund the important work going on every day by our children at High School of American Studies. While it is wonderful to be noted as the top ranked high school program in New York City and New York State* for two years in a row, this recognition does not come with a grant to maintain that excellence.

Mr. Weiss relies upon parents to help him implement his vision for HSAS. That vision emphasizes small class sizes with senior faculty whose depth of experience and expertise as teachers inspires and motivates our children to learn and achieve.

Every day, Mr. Weiss, the teachers and staff depend upon the PTA to provide the daily necessities to run this wonderful school. The handouts in class are printed on paper supplied by the PTA on a copier that is paid for by the PTA. The science experiment can only be run because the PTA paid for the lab supplies. The art class has materials to create art because the PTA funded those items. After-school tutoring and clubs are funded 100% by the PTA. The PTA supports all PSAL teams with equipment and buses to get teams to important meets. These are the small moments that make up each day at school. We are relying on you to donate so our children can continue to receive the excellent education we want for them.

This year, the PTA is committed to raising **\$200,000** – the highest amount in its history. To help reach this goal, we are directly appealing to you, the parents, for a donation** of **\$750 per child** at HSAS. If you can give this amount or more, or any amount below, you will have contributed to the funding of your child's education at HSAS.

Here's a quick overview of how the school will spend the money contributed by parents:

- Part-time Guidance Counselor (\$38,000)
- School/art/science supplies, daily planners, theatre class (\$29,000)
- Moot Court/Mock Trial, Honor Societies, Literary Magazines, Clubs (\$8,000)
- Sports teams, equipment, uniforms & transportation, sports banquet (\$11,000)
- College fair, freshmen orientation, theatre & cultural excursions, graduation & more (\$19,000)

Please use the enclosed form to send in your donation. Thank you in advance for your support in funding small and big moments at HSAS. The PTA seeks **100% participation** in this fundraising drive – the Annual Appeal. Please give as generously as you can.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Lee & Unjoo Trebach'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Alice Lee & Unjoo Trebach
Co-Presidents of the PTA of HSAS

P.S. The PTA will be conducting a Phone-a-thon in November. If you would like to save a call to you during this time, please send in your donation now! A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

* *US News & World Report* 2014 and 2015

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