



**IMAGINE WESTON**  
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**Welcome back Imagine Charter School at Weston & Imagine Middle School West Families!**

As we begin another exciting and productive school year, we want to thank you for entrusting us with your children and for your continued support of our Imagine Weston schools. Through your dedicated partnership, and the extraordinary efforts of outstanding teachers and staff, our schools now rank among the best public schools in Florida. In addition to ranking 22<sup>nd</sup> (out of 2050, elementary\*) and 26<sup>th</sup> (out of 987, middle\*) among public and public charter schools statewide, our elementary and middle schools both continue to outperform district schools in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Civics. Clearly, it is no mistake that we are a 2012 National Blue Ribbon High Performing School of Excellence (and a 2014 National and State School of Character)! And, in order to maintain this exceptional educational experience for our children, we need your help more than ever.

Last December, you received a letter outlining the focus of both governing boards for the immediate and long term development of both schools. As we begin this school year, we continue to focus on these four issues:

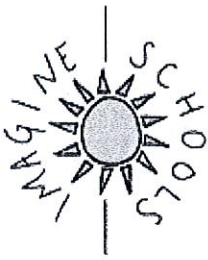
- Talent retention
- Technology
- Curricular materials
- Facility

With these needs in mind, we are so grateful for the funds raised by the tremendous efforts of our PTP, S.C.O.R.E., Fun Runs, Gala and Golf Tournaments. Nevertheless, even with such fundraising efforts, we still urgently need your assistance.

The hard truth is as follows:

- As a public charter school, we cannot charge tuition.
- Our elementary and middle schools receive only a fraction of the funding afforded to our non-charter counterpart schools in Broward County, to wit:
  - Imagine Weston Charter elementary per student funding: \$6,875 per year
  - Broward District elementary per student funding: \$12,894 per year
  
  - Imagine West Middle per student funding: \$5,936 per year
  - Broward District middle school per student funding \$12,894 per year
- Unlike district schools, we must pay rent for our facility: \$137,500 *per month!*

This reality, coupled with class size requirements and an overall decline in state educational funding during the past several years, has depleted our school resources to near critical levels. It has definitely had an impact on teacher salaries, technological innovation, and curricular resources. As a result, we must raise more funds in order to maintain our schools' legacy of excellence. And we must act now.



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The goal is to raise a minimum \$500 contribution per student (or for families with 2 or more children, \$1000) during the 2015-16 school year. The ability to use these funds would have a significant impact on efforts to continue our children's exceptional education at Imagine Weston.

Toward this end, both governing boards are now launching the "All In for Excellence" initiative as we kick off the school year. In the coming weeks, we will be providing you with further information about this tax deductible program, along with details regarding preferred methods of payment (including the option to make payments in installments throughout the school year). With the support of all Imagine Weston families, we are confident that our children will continue to enjoy the educational standards that rank us among the best public schools in both Florida and the nation.

As we begin another important year in our children's education, join us in partnership to continue what most schools only dream of. Make the commitment to protect and nurture "our" children's exceptional education by working together to do the heavy lifting. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." In anticipation of your generous support for this vital endeavor, we thank you. And we eagerly look forward to hearing that you are "All In!"

Sincerely,

**The Governing Boards of Imagine Charter School & Imagine Middle School West**

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