



75 MORTON | MS 297 NYC

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Dear 75 Morton Family,

Welcome! You are now part of an amazing group of parents, students, teachers and administrators dedicated to providing the best possible education in an environment that is rigorous, kind and supportive. Everything we do as a community is focused on providing your child(ren) with opportunities that will maximize their potential.

As a new school, it is especially important that our community support the work of the PTA. The PTA raises money for many of the things that will ultimately make 75 Morton one of the best middle schools in District 2.

Unfortunately, the DOE no longer considers us a new school and doesn't pay for many critical services and supplies. It is up to us to provide many of the "start-up" funds as we grow from a single grade of fewer than 200 students, to a complete middle school of approximately 900 students. As we move forward it is very important to understand that the PTA budget largely pays for "must-haves" (not "nice-to-haves") which include the following:

- New technology
- Professional development for teachers
- Library and classroom books
- Enrichment programs and field trips
- Classroom supplies

We have all come together as pioneers in this endeavor and are unified in our desire to give our children a great education and an optimal experience.

We can't do it without you. Please consider a gift to the PTA of \$1,000 per child. Any gift you can make will be gratefully received. But please give something.

We recognize that each family's economic means varies, and that \$1,000 may be an easy gift to make for some, and for others it may represent real economic hardship. We ask that each family make 75 Morton a priority and that you give us much as you are able. The reality is that we are adding approximately 300 students both this year and next, and that we are very much at the beginning of creating an exceptional school.

75 Morton will be as good as we make it as a community. Please support the school by being as generous as possible. Checks can be made out to the MS 297 PTA.

Thanks for listening and welcome to the school! You have three amazing years ahead of you.

Kind regards,
Bob Osborne and Alexandra van Schie
Fundraising Co-Chairs