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Dear Parents:

For many years this district has requested voluntary contributions from the parents of its students for the purchase of supplementary instructional materials. These supplementary materials, usually workbooks or periodicals, allow your student’s teacher to enhance the instructional program.

Several years ago, questions were raised about the appropriateness of requesting funds from parents in light of the provisions in the Florida Constitution calling for a free public education. Given these questions, we felt it appropriate to set out for your information the guidelines in this area which are followed by the district.

1. All contributions by parents for instructional materials are completely voluntary.

2. No student is penalized in any way if the parents are unable or unwilling to make such contributions.

3. Each pupil paying voluntary fees will receive supplies or materials equal in value to the money paid to the school.

Lab experiments provide some of the most relevant and helpful learning experiences in the field of chemistry. Because of the exorbitant cost of chemicals, kits, and other consumable laboratory materials, we ask each family to voluntarily help our program to the extent they are financially able. The lab contribution that I request for chemistry is $5.00. This covers the price of study packets/problem sets and the consumable materials for the year. I would like to mention that this represents only a very small portion of the cost of the chemicals and supplies that your child will use, but its contribution is absolutely vital. Because this course is designated as a laboratory course, a significant portion of our time must be spent in the laboratory. Your assistance helps make this possible for your student.

If you have any further questions about this matter, we will attempt to answer them in any way we can. The intent of the use of these materials, however, is to increase the richness and variety of the educational offerings in our school.

Sincerely,

Mary Magdziak & Emily Gwin Shelly Bell

Chemistry Teachers Principal