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Dear Parents:

The Mirman School for Gifted Children seeks to provide access to a welcoming educational community that represents the broadest range of highly gifted students in the greater Los Angeles area. The School understands that the cost of private school is a significant expense and major financial commitment for most families. The purpose of the financial aid program, within the limitations of the resources available, is to provide financial assistance to families from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds who could not otherwise afford to attend the School.

Financial aid allocation is determined annually and awards are not automatic. Parents who wish to re-apply or apply for the first time must request and submit necessary documentation. The amount of an award in any year will depend upon the family's current financial position and the school's resources, almost all of which come from our operating budget. Because of the limited resources, not all families that demonstrate financial need will be granted aid.

The Financial Aid Application must be received by School and Student Services (SSS) no later than February 27, 2012. Financial information must be entered online at www.sss.nais.org. A grace period expiring March 5, 2012 will be allowed to provide missing documentation to families with applications on file by February 27, 2012 (please see the Financial Aid Application for a list of required supporting documentation).

The Mirman School uses SSS to calculate and estimate the family's contribution to the child's education. In addition, SSS will be collecting other documentation for the School such as the Federal and state tax returns for 2011 and the Financial Aid Application (please see the application for further instructions). Please do not mail or bring any forms to the Business Office.

Please remember that the School's resources are limited. We ask that you consider other sources as a supplement to the school's award of financial aid in meeting the total cost. Such sources could be a home equity loan, student loan or grandparents' gifts. Furthermore, we offer several plans for payment of tuition to help provide flexibility. In addition to the regularly offered one, two and eight payment plans, financial aid recipients have the additional option of a ten-payment plan upon receiving and accepting a financial aid grant.

Please remember to submit the financial aid application no later than February 27, 2012. If you have any questions, please call me at 310-775-8405.

Best regards,

David N. Royal
Chief Financial Officer