

Dear Rancho School Families,

Thank you for your extraordinary support in 2024-25! **Together, we've raised \$401,000 to date- far ahead of last year's pace!**

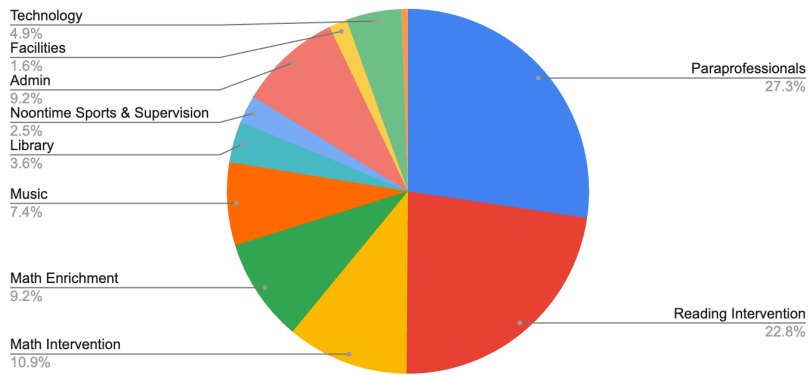
Additionally, thank you for submitting your feedback in our most recent parent/ teacher survey. It was hugely helpful to hear the value parents see in Rancho's reading and math intervention and enrichment programs, along with emphasizing the importance of paraprofessionals and resident subs supporting our classrooms. Several folks expressed interest in seeing more writing skill building, so our School Site Council (SSC) team is exploring this as an additional area of focus for the 2025-26 school year.

To that end, we wanted to provide the following update on our progress across investments, fundraising, and upcoming events for the remainder of the year and beyond.

RREF Impact to Date

With the help of Rancho's SSC, we have successfully deployed \$707,000 in RREF funds this school year across programs like math, reading, arts, and ed tech (e.g., Smart Boards)

2024-25 RREF Total Spend \$707,000 (Average \$1530/ Spend per Student)



<p>Reading & Math Academic Excellence <i>Rancho is a Top Performing School in SRVUSD</i></p>		<p>Music 1 day/week & 2 seasonal concerts for every class</p>
<p>At Rancho Romero, 82% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math (compared with the district norm 78%), and 78% scored at or above that level for reading (compared with the district norm 75%).</p>		<p>“Rancho’s music programs nurture creativity, build confidence, lay a foundation for lifelong learning, and self-expression” --Mrs Smith, Music Teacher</p>
<p>Paraprofessionals <i>5,500 Teaching Hours Supported</i></p>	<p>Intervention & Enrichment <i>5 days/week Supported</i></p>	
<p>“Paraprofessional support allows us to provide one-on-one support and small-group instruction. This resource impacts all of our students and provides a rigorous, enriching, educational experience.” – Mrs. Alms, 3rd Grade Teacher</p>	<p>“We would like to express our gratitude for your generous support... As you know, our school district does not cover the costs. Your contributions ensure that every student has the resources they need to succeed, and are critical in giving students the focused support to grow into confident and capable readers.” – Mrs. McCutchen, Reading Specialist</p>	<p>Facility Improvements</p> <p>Upgraded technology with smart boards in every classroom. ✅ Completed Fall’24</p> <p>Refurbished library to enhance the learning environment. ✅ Completed Fall’24</p>

Special Thanks to our 2024-25 RREF Sponsors



Fundraising

To sustain current RREF investments and anticipate our growing student population at Rancho, our team has worked tirelessly to raise enough funds to reach an Ed Fund **\$1600+ spend per student target** to be on par with neighboring school districts. Our fundraising events and activities this year included:

- **Annual Give Campaign** (Target \$340,000 = Raised to date \$340,122), with an average donation of **\$684/student (vs '\$425 in '23-'24)**.
 - With a 97% participation rate, we netted 76% ahead of last year's total due to participating families increasing their give per student.
 - Corporate matching is estimated to contribute **\$35,000+-** way to go employers!
 - With the least number of volunteers required to manage, and providing 100% tax write off to donors- this campaign provides a win-win for the school and the community.
 - Huge thank you to our program lead volunteers: **Stephanie Cranmer, Unnur Gretarsdottir**
- **Fun Run** (Target \$40,000 = Raised \$53,175 in profit) with an average donation was **\$175/student**. One of our cornerstone community events raised an impressive **10%** more than last year, with a 67% profit margin.
 - **64% of donations came from non-parents**, across multiple states and countries. A true testament to the power of our Rancho community coming together to make a difference.
 - Special thank you to our program lead volunteers: **Bridget Monahan, Ashley Nicol**
- **Corporate Sponsorships** (Target \$10,000 = Raised to date \$13,000) We welcomed a number of new sponsors this year thanks to our newly expanded banner program.
 - With plans to add additional opportunities around our Annual Gala event, we have a **target to raise another \$20,000** by the end of the school year.
 - Special thank you to our program volunteers: **Kristina Zell**

Looking Ahead 2025-2026

Our final fundraising event is coming soon! Save the date- Rancho in Wonderland Annual RREF Gala March 8th, Round Hill Country Club! Tickets to go on sale 8am January 29, 2025! Thanks to generous early donations, we were able to reduce our fundraising targets by 20% this year. Special thanks to our co-chair volunteers **Alesia Ruhelman and Missy Purkiss**, along with their incredible volunteer team, for planning another fun and meaningful event to help us cross the fundraising finish line. For this final fundraising effort of the year, **our target is to raise \$260,000.**

Your generosity continues to drive our mission forward. With a growing student population and unexpected district-wide budget cuts, RREF's work—and our community's support—has never been more critical. While reserves helped bridge funding gaps in the past, they are expected to run out next year—requiring us to raise more than ever to sustain the same level of support. Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate.** Every contribution brings us closer to raising enough to support an average of \$1,600 spend per student. Today we are 56% of this goal to ensure we sustain the wonderful programs.
2. **Volunteer your time.** Whether it's event planning or classroom support, every effort counts.
3. **Spread the word.** Encourage friends, family, and employers to contribute through matching programs or direct donations.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community's success. If you have questions or ideas about how you can help, interested in joining our board for the 2025-2026 school year please reach out.

Nicole Lombardo & Kristin Barlow
RREF Co-Presidents 2024-2025a