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Dear HTLA Family,

We are writing to you today in the hope that you will help support your child and all our other HighTech LA students.

Are you aware of the amazing acknowledgments HTLA has received in 2015? HTLA was named one of America's Top High Schools! HTLA is #200/500 schools who "Beat the Odds." Newsweek's "Beating the Odds" list seeks to identify schools that do an excellent job of preparing their students for college while also overcoming the obstacles posed by students at an economic disadvantage. According to the U.S. News and World Report HTLA has also been named one of America's "Best High Schools 2015," and the Washington Post noted that HTLA is one of America's "Most Challenging High Schools 2015."

HTLA is a leader in preparing public school students for college *and* careers. As you know, public schools are free to attend, at **no cost** to you. However, the price of excellent education and college readiness is not free. Over the past year we have upgraded much of our technology including our wireless network and our student devices. The next piece of the revitalization will be upgrading the classrooms. New displays and audio/visual equipment in all the classrooms will take better advantage of the pen-capable devices teachers and students now have, and allow student groups to collaborate and brainstorm.

**We need your help to accomplish this goal.** It is time to upgrade our classroom technology so that we may continue to provide the best possible education to our students. Even a donation of just a dollar a day, *far less than a cup of coffee*, is an investment in your child's future that will pay enormous dividends for a lifetime.

STAR stands for Students, Teachers And Resources. Our motto is: "**Working Together for Success.**" We hope you'll continue your support, giving as deeply as you can as we reach to keep HTLA at the top with the latest technology to help our kids be the best they can be. We are embarking on a massive undertaking at HTLA, but together we're sure we can reach the stars.

We truly thank you.

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