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Dear School of the Woods Families, Friends and Alumni:

We love preparing students for life by fostering life-long learning and personal and social responsibility in fact, that is our mission. From early childhood through high school, our students are experiencing success as they flourish in an environment of respect and concern. The summer edition of *View from The Woods* highlighted many of these successes including the 22 seniors in the class of 2010 who earned over \$2.05 Million in academic scholarships.

The prepared environment at School of the Woods is a key element to the success of our students. The classrooms are designed to maximize independent discovery and learning. Our school needs two facilities to fully educate our students, a Gymnasium and a permanent home for Woods High School. We have the land, we own the plans, and we need your help to “Raise the Roof” of these facilities.

The Raise the Roof Raffle, sponsored by the Board of Trustees begins today and concludes with the drawing on March 2nd, 2011. Our goal for this year’s raffle is \$40,000 and 100% community participation.

You can help by buying or selling the Raise the Roof raffle tickets enclosed with this letter. The ticket price is \$50 per ticket; for that price you will have a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1st Prize: \$2,500 Visa Gift Card

2nd Prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card

3rd Prize \$500 Visa Gift Card

4th Prize: \$250 Visa Gift Card

Another way to help is to make an underwriting contribution of any amount to the Raise the Roof Raffle. Underwriting helps to off-set the cost of the prizes and to reach the 100% participation goal.

Everyone who participates in the Raise the Roof Raffle will receive one entry in a second drawing, also held on March 2nd, 2011. “Participation” means either purchasing a raffle ticket(s) or making an underwriting contribution of any amount. The winning participant will receive an iPad – 16GB with Wi-Fi.

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If you choose to purchase your ticket(s), please separate and complete the top portion of the ticket stub with your name and phone number. Keep your ticket and send completed stub with your check to either of the school offices by mail or hand delivery. Additional tickets are available in the offices of both the Wirt Road and High School Campus.

If you would like to help by underwriting, please write Raise the Roof Raffle in the memo of your check, fill out the form and send both to the school office either by mail or hand delivery. The underwriting form is included with this letter and can be found at www.schoolofthewoods.org.

The Raise the Roof Raffle is the primary capital fundraising event for the 2010-2011 school year. Our Board of Trustees is also submitting grant requests to private foundations and seeking additional funding sources for construction.

The new Gymnasium and Woods High School Building will be constructed in three phases:

Phase I: \$5.8 Million for the open air Gymnasium, 25,000 square feet of classrooms, labs, art and music studios, common areas, and offices.

- \$3 Million has been raised
- Upon completion of Phase I, events and classes will be held in the new facilities

Phases II and III: \$6.7 Million, which includes a black box theater, dining facilities, a 500 seat fully-featured theater and completion of the gymnasium.

Phases I, II and III: \$12.5 Million for the 53,000 square foot facility that will serve all members of the School of the Woods community

We know our task is large in scale and yet vitally important to our community. These facilities will help our students prepare for life and become competent, self-motivated, morally aware, personally and socially responsible people.

Please join us and Raise the Roof.

Robert T Deden, President
Board of Trustees

Sherry Herron, Head of School