



We know you all have a lot to read in your day to day life, so we'll keep this to the point.

The AB School District will supply the funding necessary for **12 Assistant Hours** per week per classroom per elementary school for the 2018-19 school year.

Merriam traditionally provides **18 Assistant Hours** per week

The additional funding comes **entirely** from PTO fundraising. There is no buffer, no cushion, no 'extra' socked away.

We need to raise \$95 000 per year to pay for those 6 additional Assistant Hours per classroom/per week. This includes the cost for accounting, insurance, certifications etc which are necessary for the PTO to function as a fundraising body

So far this year, with your help, we have raised just shy of \$60 000.

We need to raise a further \$35 000. If we do not, the simple result will be fewer Assistant Hours for our children this Fall.

If every Merriam family can contribute \$100.00 during this direct appeal campaign, we will be able to meet our goal. Some families have already contributed substantially this year, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity. Some families are not able to contribute. While we ask every family to consider the \$100.00 figure, you are obviously welcome to contribute more, and if \$100.00 is not possible, please know that we will be grateful for any amount.

Please make your contribution by Friday, May 18, and we'll keep you updated along the way.

You may donate via PayPal (using your Credit Card or your PayPal account) on our website at MerriamPTO.org

Merriam Spring Direct Appeal Donation

Name: _____

Amount: _____

Please detach this slip, and return it to the office with your donation. Checks should be payable to *Merriam PTO*. Thank you for your generosity.