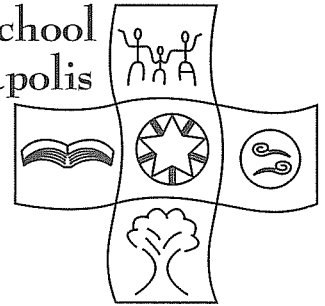


San Miguel Middle School
of Minneapolis



January 14, 2011

Dear Friends of San Miguel,

It is with great sadness that we write to tell you of the Board of Director's difficult decision to close San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, completing eleven years of empowering youth through a Lasallian education.

The economic recession of the past two years has severely affected our fundraising efforts and we were not able to secure the funding necessary to ensure our future sustainability. The Christian Brothers of the Midwest, who contributed substantially to the founding of San Miguel and serves as our sponsor, directed us to make a determination regarding our sustainability for the 2011-2012 school year to ensure sufficient time for our students to find new schools and our staff to secure new employment.

Our financial projections signal a significant funding gap for future years, mainly attributed to a decrease in fundraising revenue. The long-term funding gap is estimated at almost \$300,000 a year. The reserve funds established in our founding years do not represent a sustainable option for covering annual deficits.

San Miguel's board and administration explored many different options for the school's future and determined that, given the limited resources of time and money, the school needed to secure sustainable funding or close and celebrate the profound impact San Miguel has had during the past decade.

Our alumni provide the most tangible evidence of the fulfillment of our mission. Overall, 92% of students who graduated in the past four years from San Miguel are still in high school and progressing toward graduation. Many graduates are the first in their families to complete high school in the United States. San Miguel students and graduates represent a vital bridge, connecting their families to the realization of the American dream.

You have played a significant role in our past success and we thank you for all of the ways you have invested in our students. The Lasallian tradition emphasizes that together and by association we are a community. As a community we now celebrate the profound impact San Miguel has had on students and their families, and we mourn the conclusion of our mission to empower youth through a Lasallian education.

Please keep our students, graduates and staff in your prayers during this difficult time. **We will keep you informed as we move forward.** Thank you again for believing in our mission and supporting our work on behalf of the students. *Live Jesus in our hearts — Forever!*

Sincerely,

Benjamin Murray
President

Sr. Mary Willette, SSND
Principal

Daniel Wallek
Board Chair