

WHEN EDUCATION IS THIS GOOD  
POWERFUL THINGS CAN HAPPEN



## Two Ways to Give

### PEF Now 2nd Annual Appeal

#### Checkbook:

-All collected money is made available to school-based projects and programs.

-Funds collected are put to work immediately.

### Endowment Funds

#### Savings account:

-Principal remains untouched.

-% of funds made available annually to perpetually fund programs.

-50% of donation qualifies for Michigan tax credit until Dec. 31, 2011

Give locally; you give and your community receives

Your support of the Portage Education Foundation provides support for our students in many ways. During the holiday season, there are two opportunities for you to make a difference. Think of these as the “check book” option and the “savings account” building-for-the-future option.

#### **The Checkbook:**

The PEF Now campaign seeks your immediate support for our schools and students. Your contribution to PEF is pooled with all other donations and spent to support programs that would otherwise not be funded by the District. Think of this tax deductible option as a gift to a checking account – charitable deposits in, immediate support out.

#### **The Savings Account:**

The PEF has established a number of endowed funds with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. These funds support a variety of programming in our schools, from the General Endowment, to designated funds for a variety of purposes (such as elementary reading support), and scholarships. A list of the endowments is online. Gifts to these endowments are like contributions to a savings account; the principal is not touched, but a percentage of the funds are made available each year, forever. The beauty of a gift made before the end of this year to one of our endowments at the Community Foundation is that the donation will still qualify for the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit (50% of your gift may be claimed on your state taxes, subject to maximum credits). You can learn more about the tax credit and give to our endowments at [www.kalfound.org](http://www.kalfound.org).

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