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Palo Alto is a wonderful and vibrant place to live, and one of the most expensive areas in the country. So why are parents and community members asked for donations to help the schools? It's because of the way California schools get funding. In Palo Alto, schools are funded by local taxes and receive minimal support from state and federal budgets. Even in a strong housing market, there isn't enough revenue to provide a high-quality education with public funds alone. That's why Concerned Parents created Palo Alto Partners in Education, or Pai. Donations to Pai from families like yours provide crucial funding for important school programs. We fund core programs in STEM with elective in middle and high school like Money Matters, Marine Biology, and Industrial Tech. We also fund science classes in our elementary schools. In the Arts, with music, band, choir, and orchestra in every elementary and middle school. In wellness and support with guidance counselors at our middle and high schools. Why are you asked to contribute to both Pai and the PTA? While we may sound alike, the two organizations are very different. Pai funds people, while the PTA funds materials, supplies, and advocacy. Our schools need both organizations because what we fund does not overlap.

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Pai funds a classroom aid in every elementary classroom to support students and teachers, while materials are paid for by the PTA. Pai funds art and music instruction in elementary and middle schools, while supplies are paid for by the PTA. Each school year, Pai donations pay for more than 85,000 hours of support and enrichment, delivered by over 250 staff members, funded in whole or in part by Pai. The great education you want for your kids isn't possible without Pai, and Pai is only possible with your support. Donate today.