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Dear Mesa Community,

Great news! Our 2022/23 Mesa Thrives fundraising drive has officially covered the cost of all four paraprofessionals that provide our students with exceptional individualized learning. ***Thank you again to our amazing Mesa community for your generous donations!***

While Mesa Thrives funds are allocated directly to fund paraprofessionals, funds raised by the PTO from its activities, such as Fall Fest, community nights, and store give-back programs are directed to support student success at Mesa and a thriving school for all.

In the event that Mesa Thrives were to fall short of the needed fundraising for our paraprofessionals, this additional money would go towards that need.

In past years, additional PTO funds have gone to programs such as replacing Chromebooks (the district allocation is short of the level desired by our teachers), purchasing stands for the auditorium, and training teachers in the Orton Gillingham (OG) literacy methods.

Teachers and parents are welcome to participate in the process of proposing and approving the direction of additional funds. The PTO wants Mesa families, teachers, and staff to have their voices heard. The form linked here will allow you to share your ideas: [Funding Request Form](#). Assuming there are funds to use beyond Mesa Thrives, parents will be voting on spending priorities at a PTO meetings in the spring each year (to be announced in the Friday newsletter).

Please let us know if you have any questions and visit our website for updates on events, minutes from the PTO meetings, helpful links, volunteer opportunities and more at [mesapto.com](http://mesapto.com).

With appreciation,  
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