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Dear Gunderson High School Foundation Member,

Enclosed is the Foundation's Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2003. We were very pleased to have been able to expand the number of programs that we participated in last year with your generous support. We closed the year in very good financial shape. We expanded our programs *and* increased our net assets considerably through the generosity of very community minded corporate donors and through a very substantial \$10,000 donation from a long time community member and leader. We also won a very competitive Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund grant of just over \$30,000 from the City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department. The grant is being used to augment Gunderson's College and Career Center for this school year. But, you can read about these accomplishments in the Annual Report.

I would like to update you quickly on some Foundation news for the first half of this year.

Due to her new responsibilities as an assistant Principal at Lincoln High School, Board Member Jeannette Harding resigned her position as the Foundation's treasurer. As a Gunderson alumnae, she remains vitally interested in the Foundation's efforts and will remain an active member of the Board. I would like to thank Jeannette for her efforts to date in helping to organize and launch the Foundation and in keeping our finances in order through our first two years of operation. I also look forward to continuing to work with her as a Board Member as the Foundation moves forward. The Board elected Board Member Jim Henderson to the vacated Treasurer's office. Jim spent a career in finance at IBM and is currently teaching business at West Valley College. We are very pleased to have Jim take on this role.

We have also been working closely with the City of San Jose, the School District, and Gunderson's Principal and Foundation Board Member, Demerris Brooks, to launch the Augmented College and Career Center program that the HNVF grant is supporting. This program directly aligns with Gunderson's vision statement, and will insure access to College and Career Councilors for students during the entire school day. We anticipate that at least one councilor will be available to students 100% of the time and that two councilors will be available at least 70% of the time as a result of this program. In addition, we anticipate that councilors will actively meet with students to review progress toward graduation and college entrance requirements.

We are also, again, refining our flagship Technology Scholarship program with the help of Gunderson technology and multimedia teacher, Trish Lynch. In addition we are defining the requirement for an Engineering Scholarship program that will award at least \$2,000 to a graduating senior student for several years to come.

Finally, we are partnering with Gunderson's Booster Club to combine this year's annual Foundation membership drive with Gunderson's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Crab Feed. The Crab Feed will be held off-campus for the first time this year at the Italian-American Heritage Hall in Downtown San Jose on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004. We are offering a Crab Feed/Foundation Membership package for purchase through the Foundation at a substantial discount from the cost of each purchased separately. Details are on the back of this letter.

The Foundation appreciates your past support through your membership and generosity. Please remember that, if you are a Founding Member, we left you alone last year, but hope that you will continue your Foundation membership this year. We look forward to seeing you at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed. And, if, for some reason, you can't make it, we look forward to your \$25 contribution and continuing support for the school as a Foundation member.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. West, President