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Dear Neighbor,

For a moment, imagine this scenario about a twelve year old boy.

Tommy seems to be a typical middle school boy in the T/E School District. He's bright. He's friendly. He likes math and science. He likes to play football with his friends, and he's shy around girls. In spite of this, there's one important difference between Tommy and the other students in T/E: Tommy is barely passing his classes.

You see, every day Tommy has to take the school bus home right after school so he can care for his younger sister when she returns from daycare. His mother has to work two jobs in order to provide for her children, so Tommy cooks and does the majority of the household chores. As a result, homework often gets postponed, and that means Tommy falls behind in school.

Unfortunately, although Tommy is an intelligent child, when he starts to slip, he isn't able to "fix things" himself. He can't stay after school like the other kids to get teachers' help that could get him back on track in class because he can't risk missing his bus. We all know that the days when kids can walk safely to and from school are long gone.

This is where FLITE can step in.

Through the generosity of people like you, FLITE can help students who need extra assistance in order to excel in school. Assistance which the family is presently unable to provide. In a case like Tommy's, for example, FLITE could support an after school program that would give him a snack, access to tutoring, and a bus ride home - still in time to help with his sister. With a program like this, Tommy would once again have a chance to succeed.

Believe it or not, there are many kids like Tommy in T/E. Perhaps the family doesn't own a car, or the parents can't help with homework. Perhaps the family doesn't have a computer, or the kids go to school hungry. T/E has children who face these and a host of other obstacles to success that are beyond their control. Children like these could be your neighbors. They hide their situation very well.

Happily, FLITE is starting to fund programs that help bridge the gaps created by unfortunate circumstances. In fact, although FLITE was founded less than a year ago, this fall six T/E schools will have programs supported by FLITE - with more coming soon.

This **Help FLITE Take Flight** Campaign is our first appeal to the community. The support of T/E residents is critical in order to help all T/E students be able to take advantage of everything that our outstanding district offers. Your donation can enable FLITE to fund these and similar programs. Programs that tax dollars do not provide.

So, please take a moment right now to fill out the form included with this letter and send it in with your check. You can really make a difference in the life of a child right here in T/E by making a donation to FLITE today. Every dollar matters.

Respectfully,

FLITE representative

P.S. – Please help us provide programs for students like Tommy to give them the help they need. Every child deserves a chance to excel and do well school, don't you think?

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