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Dear Preuss Families:

We are sending this letter to clarify our policies with respect to Parent Volunteer Hours and School Uniforms.

Parent Volunteer Hours: Preuss was founded on the belief that parents play an important part in their student's success. Greater parental involvement promotes higher levels of student academic achievement and improved attendance rates. Parental involvement is one of the eight state priorities adopted last year in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), and we continually seek effective ways to increase and support parent engagement through PTA meetings, special events, awards assemblies, workshops, and volunteer opportunities.

We want to make it clear that public schools, including Preuss, may not require volunteer hours as a condition of admission, continued enrollment, and/or participation in the school's educational activities. While parental participation cannot be required, we hope that each parent will remain actively engaged in getting their student to the college of their choice. To assist you, our Volunteer Coordinator has a form that provides information about which opportunities might appeal most to you. We will continue to end our school year with a Parent Appreciation Event to celebrate parents who earned participation points by engaging in school events to support their student.

School Uniforms: You are also aware that Preuss has a dress code to establish a neat appearance and avoid disruptions in the school environment. A few updates have been made to the dress code. In August, each new student will be provided with a Preuss polo shirt at no cost. Additionally, while outer garments such as jackets and sweaters must still be navy in color and contain no writing other than "The Preuss School UCSD," iron-on patches will be available. To participate in Exercise and Health Science, students may wear dark shorts and a plain light-colored T-shirt; a bib will be provided when necessary to identify students as representatives of The Preuss School UCSD. Also, an opt-out form is available in the front office if you do not wish to support the dress code.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Preuss mission, which is to provide our students with the opportunity to graduate from college. We cannot do it without you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SBart".

Scott Barton
Principal