

UC San Diego



THE PREUSS SCHOOL UC SAN DIEGO



OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPACT

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Thank you for your past support of The Preuss School UCSD and your interest in helping low-income, underrepresented students become the first generation in their family to attend a four-year college. Philanthropic investment is essential to fund the educational programs that make Preuss a success.

We invite you to consider a new commitment beginning at \$45,000 to the Longer Learning Time endowment or transportation initiative. Your gift at this level will ensure funding for either a full day of instruction or the operation of one school bus for a year in our transportation program.

U.S. News & World Report 2016 ranked Preuss:

- #9 top California High School
- #34 Charter School in the United States

The Longer Learning Time and transportation initiatives are foundational services that make Preuss' success possible. Your gift will help us provide the comprehensive environment of enrichment that makes a transformative difference in the lives of our students.

LONGER LEARNING TIME ENDOWMENT

As a public charter school, The Preuss School is allocated funding on a per-student basis by the State of California. Since its inception, operational costs for the school have exceeded the amount provided by the state due to the substantially higher resources required for our longer day and longer school year.

Preuss students benefit from an additional 18 days of instruction per year. The Longer Learning Time schedule allows Preuss to employ an eight-class program, as opposed to the traditional six in other middle and high schools. At Preuss, this extra time gives all our students the chance to take the same level of college-preparatory Advanced Placement classes with individualized supports to meet their unique needs.

When Preuss students graduate, they will have taken a minimum of six Advanced Placement courses and have accumulated nearly an additional academic year of training. Further, teachers are allowed to participate in 90-minute weekly professional development activities to help them hone their craft.

To ensure that all future Preuss students have the same opportunities, we have launched a multiyear fundraising campaign to establish the \$15 million Longer Learning Time endowment, which will help fund the extra days of instruction not covered by the state in perpetuity. A commitment at the \$45,000 level will act as current use funds providing one extra day of instruction during the year.



TRANSPORTATION

With 95 percent of our students taking philanthropy-funded buses from 40+ zip codes — most of whom reside south of Interstate 8 — transportation is critical. Without school buses, many of our students would be unable to attend Preuss, as their families often lack the flexible schedules and resources needed to drive students back and forth to La Jolla every day.

Preuss also provides school bus transportation to and from the Saturday Enrichment Academy, a program that offers additional supports to struggling students, after-school enrichment activities, and summer school. As a result of our transportation program, average daily student attendance at Preuss is 98 percent and students have the ability to take advantage of these extra-curricular opportunities.

School buses are essential to our success. It is as important that Preuss is accessible to students throughout the San Diego metro area as those who attend are motivated to work harder and longer than their peers in neighborhood schools — without that accessibility, our promise to students in San Diego's underserved communities would be more a matter of theory rather than practice and action.

Philanthropists committed to keeping Preuss accessible are urged to consider supporting the transportation initiative, a mainstay of our model. A commitment at the \$45,000 level will ensure operation of one school bus for one year of instruction.

THANK YOU

Preuss is grateful for the dedication of our community partners to help us provide these and other outstanding educational programs for our deserving students. We respect your consideration of a \$45,000 gift to the Longer Learning Time or transportation initiatives — two programs proven to enrich the lives of our students.

The Preuss School creates opportunities for students, but the students themselves are the most important factor in our school's success. Preuss students continue to make inspiring achievements through their hard work and dedication. By joining with us to offer them the tools for their growth, you are investing in the future of San Diego's best and brightest young people. Thank you.