

Friends of MAYER MAGNET SCHOOL

Pledge Drive 2017: Frequently Asked Questions

Budget-Related Facts

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
How much in budget cuts has Mayer seen in the recent past?	Over the last 10 years, Mayer has experienced over \$900K in cumulative cuts.
How much money did FOM provide the school to fill gaps between what CPS allocated Mayer and what we need to sustain our programs?	FOM has committed \$543,008 for the 2017-18 school year, which accounts for 8% of Mayer's annual budget.
How much is Mayer's operating budget?	\$6.5M for the 2017-18 school year. CPS provides \$5.9M and FOM funds the remainder.
Does FOM keep a reserve on-hand each year?	This year, FOM does have unallocated back up funds enabling FOM to fund unforeseen expenses, like potential mid year cuts and staff salary increases per the new teachers' contract.
What other budget items does FOM's contribution help support?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Assts in ELI and ELII • 1:1 Chromebooks for all 4th-8th graders • FT Reading and Math Intervention Specialists • 2 FT Language Teaching Positions • PT Health and Wellness Coordinator • Extra-curricular athletic programs • Professional Development • Recess supervision • Awesome Room upkeep • Special Education Assistant
What benefits do upper grade students receive from additional funding provided by FOM?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 ELII Teaching Assistants • Chromebooks for all students in 4th-8th grades • Smart boards • Extra-curricular athletic programs • Language Instruction • Awesome Room upkeep • Health and Wellness Curriculum

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Does the budget include money to support Mayer's sports teams?	Yes, funds have been allocated to support after-school sports teams. Some sports-related expenses include coach stipends and uniforms.

What makes Mayer's Budget unique?

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
How many other schools house Montessori, IB and Fine Arts programs in one building?	None, Mayer is the only school in CPS to house all three of these unique programs in one building.
How many other schools in CPS have tuition-free preschool programs?	Mayer is one of three CPS schools that offers a tuition-free preschool program. The other two are Drummond and Suder, which also house Montessori elementary school programs.
What is the current student-teacher ratio at Mayer?	Mayer has an average student-teacher ratio of 16:1 throughout the building. In EC classes, it is closer to 14:1 and in ELI classes, 15:1 – compared to the CPS average of 32:1.
What do students ages 3-8 th grade receive that are not part of the core curriculum at other CPS schools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama and Music • Weekly Foreign Language Instruction • Health & Wellness Curriculum • 2+ Field Trips per year
How does having Learning Intervention Specialists help all students?	By employing full-time Reading and Math Intervention Specialists at Mayer, we are able to provide tailored academic support to students who are struggling in these subjects. This allows classroom teachers to spend their time working equally with all their students because students who are struggling and require additional instruction are getting the support they need outside the classroom.

How can I make my pledge?

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
How do I pay my pledge by credit card?	Click friendsofmayer.org/pledge to pay in one lump sum or set up monthly installments.
How do I pay my pledge by cash or check?	There are two ways to pledge by cash or check:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click friendsofmayer.org/pledge to complete the electronic pledge form. The FOM Treasurer will then contact you to collect payment. 2. If you would prefer to print a hard copy Pledge Form, it is found on the right side of the Pledge Drive page at friendsofmayer.org/pledge. Turn the form in with your cash or check to the FOM mailbox in the school office.
<p>Can I pledge now and pay later?</p>	<p>Yes, there are two ways to pledge now and pay later:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click friendsofmayer.org/pledge and complete the electronic pledge form. The FOM Treasurers will then contact you to collect payment at the payment date you've listed on the form. 2. If you would prefer to print a hard copy Pledge Form, it is found on the right side of the Pledge Drive page at friendsofmayer.org/pledge. Please include a future date when you plan to pay your pledge on the form. Then turn in with your form to the FOM mailbox in the school office and our treasurers will follow up with you at that time.
<p>When are pledge payments due?</p>	<p>All pledges should be paid in full by June 30, 2018. Monthly installments can be set up for a full 12-month period.</p>
<p>How do I donate if I have multiple kids at Mayer?</p>	<p>On both the Pledge Form and the online system, there is space to indicate each child and their room number. Your total pledge dollars will be divided between all your children's classrooms.</p>
<p>If my company has a matching gifts program, how can I make a matching gift with my pledge?</p>	<p>Please contact the FOM treasurers at treasurer@friendsofmayer.org with the subject line <i>"Matching Gifts"</i>. They will guide you on how to make this additional donation happen.</p>