



*Above: Current building with pitched roof and new entry. Top left: Future Early Years building.*

## A show of hands...

Dear Parents,

Our school continues to plan for the future, reviewing feasibility study reports, and preparing site proposals. The costs involved in the next planning steps are significant, and can include such activities as a site survey (\$1000), an environmental assessment (\$5000-6000), or water/sewer services upgrade work (\$10,000-\$20,000).

With our eyes on the horizon, we are launching the Annual Giving campaign this year to support these efforts in planning for our permanent location.

As we continue to prepare for a future capital campaign, we are also mindful that one of the key indicators that donors, philanthropists, and foundations look to when considering their financial support is the level of support shown within the non-profit organization itself through the Annual Giving Campaign. An organization that can show an extremely high level of support through Annual Giving participation, as well as volunteer participation, is more likely to garner

financial support during its capital campaign.

We recognize and are thankful for all the support shown throughout the year through volunteer hours, item donations and thank you gifts. A gesture of support through the Annual Giving campaign is different in that it provides us statistics and dollars to demonstrate on paper the strong, engaged and supportive school community we all share on a daily basis, and for which we are truly grateful.

It is a **“show of hands” to support our future** – the commitment and dedication to create a new school and permanent home for generations to come.

**Our financial goal this year is \$10,000, and our participation rate goal is 100%.**

Please check the Parent Association board for more information and watch the thermometer rise! The Annual Giving drive will run until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Many thanks,

Whistler Waldorf School Board of Directors

