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Sanderson Parents/Guardians,

As we plan for a great 2009-10 school year, we constantly reflect on our teaching and learning processes. The vision for the students at Sanderson High School is that all students must reach their maximum academic growth each year. We all know that learning begins in the home, but we also know that we need to take full advantage of the scientific research and technological breakthroughs that can enhance learning, keep students engaged, and create high order thinking and problem solving strategies. In an effort to demonstrate what a 21st century learning classroom might look like, we have created four classrooms (one each for math, science, social studies and language arts). These classrooms are equipped with a digital projector, teacher laptop, document camera, a class set of student response systems, an audio system and two wireless tablets. Along with these four fully equipped classrooms, we also have eleven portable mini units that can be used in classrooms throughout the building. All these units will further avail the curriculum and technology integration to more teachers and students each day. The overall vision is to have this 21st century learning environment in each and every classroom. Efforts will be made this year to provide parental demonstrations of this new teaching and learning technology once we have the equipment installed and the teachers well trained.

The Sanderson PTSA has a rich tradition of supporting the school mission through programs sponsored for parents, students, and staff. Again this year, the PTSA has committed additional time and resources to support our 21st century technology classroom project.

All of these efforts require that parents support the PTSA through the resources of time and money. This year, the PTSA wants to again offer us the "No-Fuss Fundraiser" as the method to raise funds to support its' programs. Each family is asked to contribute twenty-five dollars or more to the PTSA. This fundraiser does not require students to sell anything and incurs no overhead expenses. Donations are tax deductible.

I encourage each family to support the PTSA and Sanderson by contributing to this fundraiser. A significant portion of the money that is collected will go to the 21st century technology classroom project. Each student at Sanderson will be impacted by the work of the PTSA throughout the year.

Thank you for all that you do to make Sanderson such a great school!

Sincerely,

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