What is the EHS Building Fund?
In 2005, EHS started work on a renovation and expansion that added 12,000 square feet to the rear of our existing structure and renovated 3,000 sq. ft. within the school at a cost of approximately $3 million. The project was completed the following year. That original capital campaign became today’s Building Fund whose purpose is twofold: (1) to retire the original capital campaign debt; and (2) to provide funds for future building or expansion needs. Our current focus is on retiring the remaining debt.

Once the debt is retired, what will be the main purpose of the Building Fund?
The Building Fund will provide funds solely for renovation, expansion or construction costs. Expenditure on capital improvements and major maintenance needs are accepted outlays of a school building fund. The primary goal of the EHS Building Fund is to maintain an academic environment in which our students may continue to thrive for years to come.

Who contributes to the Building Fund?
All families are approached during their second year at Echo Horizon School, and all are expected to participate to the best of their abilities.

How much should I give? What are my payment options?
When contemplating your gift, give in a manner that is meaningful to you and your family and that reflects your commitment to EHS. A general rule of thumb is that the contribution be five times one’s average Annual Giving gift. You may (1) make a one-time gift via check or credit card (AmEx, Mastercard, Visa, Discover) or (2) make a pledge that can be paid in installments over a three to five year period.

Is my gift tax deductible?
Absolutely. Echo Horizon School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and your gifts are deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

What is a matching gift?
Many companies will match charitable gifts made by their employees. We suggest you inquire to see if you have this opportunity. Matching gifts can double or even triple your contribution.

I already gave to the Annual Giving campaign. Why is it important that I give to the Building Fund as well?
Most independent schools run concurrent campaigns. Annual Giving proceeds are used in the current year’s operating budget to offset the gap between tuition and the full cost of a year’s education. Support for the Building Fund is exclusively used for capital expenditures.

Why doesn’t the school just raise tuition to cover these costs?
Echo Horizon School is committed to socio-economic diversity. By keeping tuition as affordable as possible, more children have an opportunity for an EHS education. Secondly, tuition is not tax deductible; gifts to the Building Fund and Annual Giving are! And, Building Fund pledges may be paid over multiple years.