

Colorado Gives Day, December 6, 2016 is fast approaching!

It is the largest fundraising day for the Lowry Aviator Fund as the state of Colorado donates a percentage of a \$1.0M incentive to help match fundraising efforts! Schedule your donation today on www.coloradogives.org.....

The Aviator Fund History (Formerly Eagle Fund)

The Lowry Aviator Fund is a proactive, annual fundraising effort that focuses on individual giving. Operating separately from the school's PTO, the Aviator Fund financially supports additional teaching positions at the school, ensuring that Lowry Elementary School continues to grow & thrive. Having this extra support allows teachers to effectively teach to each student at his/her individual level. The Aviator Fund also supports additional learning opportunities for all students.

The Aviator Fund spending is based on a needs assessment conducted by Lowry's Collaborative School Committee (CSC), which is made up of teachers, parents, and community members, and helps determine annual funding priorities for the school. Without the Aviator Fund, many of the amazing initiatives at Lowry would not exist. Currently, fundraising is down year over year and we are facing a \$20,000 deficit which will result in cutting some staffing & opportunities for our children if the money is not raised this year. The Aviator Fund hopes to raise at least \$60,000 this and every year to help ensure that the following priorities (as determined by the school's CSC committee) are met.

Past and Present staffing priorities include:

- Providing Additional Teachers and Paraprofessionals for lower student/teacher ratios in the classroom
- Ensuring support for a Gifted and Talented by hiring a full time GT Teacher
- Supporting a full-time Academic Intervention Teacher/Full Time Psychologist
- Technology Initiatives (hiring Mr. Val who became part of the full time staff)
- Hiring a full time Special Education Teacher (Mr. Miles who also became part of the full time staff)

DONATING

All donations can be scheduled through www.ColoradoGives.org...where you can simply create an account in order to schedule a donation in advance for Colorado Gives Day on December 6, 2016!

We would greatly appreciate your contribution to the Aviator Fund this year. Gifts typically range in size, from \$50 to \$8,000 per family with an average gift of \$1,000 but we encourage all families to participate in a way that is meaningful to them. In addition, grandparents, other family members, & corporate match programs can contribute, further expanding the amount of money we can raise for. All contributions are strictly confidential and 100% tax-deductible.

- Donors can schedule a donation to post on Colorado Gives Day (December 6, 2016) for additional contribution from the state of Colorado on Colorado Gives Day.
- Donors can schedule a recurring donation to be given each month which is a great way to contribute a little at a time that can make a huge impact over the year!
- Donors can schedule a donation anytime! Your contribution is always needed, encouraged and appreciated!

The Aviator Fund Committee believes that there is no greater investment than the one in your children's future, we encourage you do give deeply and meaningfully in order to help facilitate a BIG IMPACT in the quality of your children's education. A financial investment in the Aviator Fund will continue to help sustain and grow Lowry's team of exceptional Teachers, Staff and Opportunities! Want to help fundraise or have questions? Please reach out to Amy at ahulsey@denverrealestate.com or at 303-810-8463.



A Disparaging Fact:

Colorado ranks 38th of the states per student spending averaging \$2700 less per student per year.

Want to know more?

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<http://www.greateducation.org/advocates-corner/fundingmatters/>