OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA 336 Fourth Street Northwest Hickory, NC 28601 oakwoodelempta@gmail.com 828-322-1340 Principal: Kqisha Dagenhart

Dear Friends of Oakwood Elementary,

Located near the heart of downtown Hickory, Oakwood Elementary has a long tradition of community and partnership. Our students, teachers and faculty are family. We strive for academic success and emphasize character, loyalty and commitment. The Oakwood PTA works to support our school and give the administration the resources needed to nurture tomorrow's generation.

I am writing to ask for your assistance with our Silent Auction fundraiser at Oakwood Elementary School. Our annual Silent Auction is a very important fundraiser for our PTA and a vital part of providing funds for the betterment of our school. School funding has taken a hit in North Carolina. As a parent organization, we are taking more responsibility for providing for the growing needs of our students and teachers in the classroom. We use the money raised to make necessary improvements to our school and improve the quality of education for our children. In the past, the Oakwood PTA has paid for a variety of improvements to the campus including a walking track, projectors for each classroom, a new basketball court, new chromebooks, a portable iPad classroom set, charging carts for chromebooks, and most recently STEAM lab equipment. This year we are raising funds to continue to improve our school with much needed grounds maintenance , including improving the conditions of our outdoor play spaces.

We want to continue to provide funds for Oakwood, but we cannot do it without your support. A donation of merchandise, services, or a gift certificate would help tremendously. If you can help in any way, please contact one of our members. A tax-deductible receipt will be provided for your records. Your generosity can make a difference in providing a quality education for hundreds of local children.

Thank you for considering a donation to Oakwood's Silent Auction. Your kindness is much appreciated.

We welcome and request your generous support of our Oakwood PTA and school. If you would like to speak to one of our PTA members to extend your support or to ask questions please feel free to contact Jason Raines at: (828)302-8559 or jandhraines@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jason Raines, Oakwood PTA