

Please Support the LSUSD Building Fund

We all have a stake in a strong dental education system. Our profession demands it and the health care of the people of Louisiana depends on it.

The need for dental education will always be there. The question is, how to pay for it. In the last 20 years, escalating costs resulted in the closure of seven dental schools in America.

For all 58 dental schools in America, the ongoing issue is how to upgrade facilities that are aging. The issue is acute at LSUSD where many of our labs and classrooms are outdated.

As an example, consider the cost of \$3.2 million to renovate two of the school's auditoriums. That's a lot of money and it was money well-spent. Our students are now benefiting from the very best in education and technology. Plus, now on weekends, the dental community will be able to participate in continuing education courses in these rooms. Maximum use is our goal.

Yet these facts remain:

- Advances in technology double every two years and we must keep current with these changes.
- In Louisiana, the cost to educate one dental student at LSUSD is \$105,977. The state contributes \$25,477 and we have to find the remaining \$80,500.
- In this fiscal year alone, the dental school absorbed a \$2.2 million budget cut.

Your gift to the LSUSD Building Fund will be used for ongoing improvements and upgrading outdated technology. We appreciate your consideration and support.

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