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Dear Friends,

Last week the Parents' Advisory Committee held its final meeting for the fourth school session ending in June 2007. It has been very encouraging to see how the PAC has made a meaningful contribution towards the overall improvement of the School. This reiterates our consistent view that, parents are co-partners in the education of their child. By education we do not mean just their academic performance, but their whole-education. This is one area where more work needs to be done.

21st century schools are learning centres not only for students, but also for teachers, and even parents and the community. Now that the PAC has come of age, it should raise its sights to include the wider community in the surrounding areas and even the city. In a strategic sense, in the coming session, the PAC could take up a community-based initiative that would involve a large of students and teachers in the project. We suggest that the project should be sustainable and possibly child-related, for example, the rehabilitation and education of destitute children. At least one hundred children arrive in Bangalore every day searching for jobs. You can see them begging or hanging-out at the bus stands and railway stations.

We would like to see such an initiative in the next session. This is how we can create a learning community for ourselves, a community that learns a lot from each other. Such an initiative will go a long way in making our children humane and compassionate in a world that is increasingly becoming intolerant and callous.

With Warm Regards,

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