



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and School Staff:

As you know, my office and the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) have been collaborating since January on a major fundraising initiative to help victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. We are pleased to announce that, as a result of the extraordinary generous efforts of Connecticut school children, approximately \$100,000 has been raised to date. As with our Tsunami Relief Effort and the CAS Katrina Children's Relief Effort in 2005, this is all about "kids helping kids."

While we have come a long way, we have not yet reached our goal, which is to raise \$200,000 toward building and equipping a modern, earthquake-resistant school in Haiti. We continue to receive inquiries from several Connecticut schools that have not had an opportunity to participate in the initial phase of fundraising. Therefore, we are extending our project to October 30, 2010, in hopes of raising additional funds and securing matching dollars from other sources.

We strongly believe that we are capable of garnering enough support to build a state-of-the-art-school in Haiti. We have been in contact with two philanthropic organizations that have supported us in the past and are impressed that not one cent of donated money will go toward overhead expenses. We are hoping one or both organizations will support us again.

CAS and the Governor's office wish to express our sincere gratitude to those who answered the call and to appeal to those who have not yet done so. While many of you are anticipating summer vacation, family time and a new school year in comfortable well-equipped schools, Haitian children are getting what schooling they can during the rainy season under leaky tarpaulins amid the rubble of the earthquake.

The need is still great, as is the opportunity for Connecticut school children to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. I hope you will continue to join us in showing the world that Connecticut truly cares.

Here's How You Can Help Us Build a School in Haiti

Parents can make donations, including checks made payable to the "Connecticut Association of Schools" (with notation identifying "Haitian Relief Fund") and bring them or have their children bring them to their respective schools. Schools can make direct deposits at any local Bank of America branch or can send their monies to the CAS for deposit.