



YI HWANG ACADEMY
of LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE

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Dear YHALE Family,

On behalf of the YHALE Governing Board, thank you all for a really great school year so far! Now, we will begin our Annual Fundraising Campaign time with added plans and news about our facility!

Today marks the opening day of this year's annual campaign! Earlier this year it became abundantly clear that our campaign dollars this year should be focused on **SAFETY AND SECURITY**.

The school shooting at Apalachee High School hit so close to home in September. After learning more about the tragedy, one detail stood out: **a panic button system** that was installed one week before the shooting immediately alerted law enforcement and probably kept the tragedy from being much worse.

Therefore, this year we plan to use our annual campaign funds to purchase a panic button system and other safety and security measures. We hope you will donate to help us make our school safer and more secure!

Our Annual Fundraising Goals:

Last year our goal was \$60,000. As the size of our student body grows, so does our campaign goal. So this year our goal is **\$65,000**, and we plan to spend the money in the following ways:

\$10,000 - **Panic button system** for initial year & additional security training for our staff

\$35,000 - Break area/**playground shading** with added security hardware

\$20,000 - Additional **fencing and gates** that lock after carpool drop off

YHALE Facility Plans:

The panic button system can be implemented soon after the funds are raised as it's not facility based while other safety and security measures will become a part of our overall facility plans.

As explained last year, the Board plans to fully renovate 4450 River Green Parkway (where 3rd - 6th grades are currently located) in phases, and we will ultimately occupy the entire building. Renovation of the northern half of the building is in the works such that it will be complete this summer.

The 3rd - 7th grades will move into that portion of the building for the start of the 2025-2026 school year while the K - 2nd grades will remain at 4550 River Green Parkway.

The second phase of renovation will be on the south end of the 4450 building. We expect completion during the 2025-2026 school year - earliest by Christmas Break or latest by the end of June 2026. Then the K - 2nd grades will move in, and we will be out of the 4550 building.



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Commercial playground shading often requires permanent structures so those can be installed at the 4450 building. The extra fencing/gating will be part of the 4450 building for the same reason. Shading at the 4550 building will be temporary since we won't be there much longer.

Why Give?:

Simply put, we want to do whatever we can to beef up safety and security for our children and staff. The panic button system is a great way to alert law enforcement in seconds. Playground shading provides additional structures in our comprehensive outdoor security design and provides shade in hot months when playground equipment and benches become very hot. The added fencing and gating will be an extra obstacle to gain entry and extra deterrence for intruders.

Easier Ways To Pay This Year!:

This year we have set up an online option that lets you spread out your donation over monthly or quarterly payments. For example, if you want to donate \$100, you can choose to pay \$10 for 10 months, and \$10 will be automatically withdrawn from your account for 10 months.

You can also still make a one-time payment online or by check. Whatever way you choose to donate, we will be grateful for your generosity! **100% of your donation will be used to support our school and our goals!** Remember your donation to YHALE is a tax write-off.

Choose your giving method:

- Give online via credit card or PayPal at: <https://yhale.org/donate/>
- Checks made out to: YHALE and dropped off at school or mailed to school
- Sponsorship options as an individual or business are available
- Don't forget to see if your company has a charitable matching program!

Feed Our Dragons!:

We hope to run the campaign each year from Halloween to Giving Tuesday! On Halloween and on Giving Tuesday, there will be easy opportunities to "**Feed Our Dragons**" (the Dragon is the YHALE mascot) during carpool drop-off and pick-up. You can simply hand a donation to one of our staff and they will drop it into the belly of the Dragon boxes to "Feed Our Dragons!" Also, "Feed Our Dragons" boxes will be set up at International Night on November 20.

Thank you so much!

Gratefully,

Liza A. Park

YHALE Governing Board Chair