

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

LA SCUOLA

International School • Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Verso un'educazione senza confini Where boundless learning leads Donde el aprendizaje no tiene límites

Cari Amici,

As the 2024-25 school year came to a close, we held a gathering for the families and students starting Kindergarten at La Scuola the following autumn. One family had just moved to San Francisco. They arrived at the party without any deep connection to the school or the community.

As soon as they walked through the door — before introductions could be extended or made — the group of rising La Scuola kindergarteners pulled their young son into a game. This group of children had known each other for years, yet their welcome to someone new was instantaneous, unhesitating, and celebratory.

That's one example of why La Scuola is so important to us.

As leaders of the La Scuola International School community, it's our job to be curious, open, warm, and welcoming. We've stepped up to be cheerleaders. Seeing that warmth flow from us through all of you and on to others is beautiful. It's *niente senza gioia* come alive — and it's a result of all this school stands for. We come together in times of joy, and we are there as well when joy feels distant.

People such as yourselves pass on this way of being with the young adults and children who enliven our community at La Scuola. They, in turn, have made it integral to who they are and who they will be.

At La Scuola, we welcome change. As long as we've known each other and as long as we've had La Scuola, we've remained open to the world and all it offers. Thank you for being part of building La Scuola International School.

Last year continued to evidence this La Scuola-style outreach and dynamism. We began construction of our new Mission Campus building, moving careful plans into reality. We invested in refreshed branding and messaging, working to reach further with a distinct model of education that opens minds, expands hearts, and fills spirits with joy.

Our Silicon Valley campus continues to grow, adding another elementary grade each school year. We brought on a Director of Community Engagement and Belonging, Alejandra Navarro. Our Sliding Scale Tuition grew, as did our SMART program support. And yet another class of La Scuola graduates went on to college, demonstrating that the real measure of success is a proven ability to meet change as change-makers.

This — and more — springs from and feeds our new five-year strategic plan, which we hope you'll read. More than that, this growth and joy is thanks to you. Everyone who plays a role in PALS and on the La Dolce Vita Committee; each Annual Fund Chair, Class Ambassador, and participant; every parent committee member and everyone who contributes to our fundraising initiatives makes La Scuola International School possible.

Through you, we discover where boundless learning leads.

Grazie di cuore for your invaluable support. We could not do all this without you!

Niente Senza Gioia! Nothing without joy!

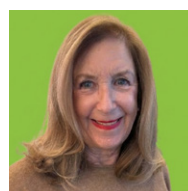
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# LA SCUOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL STRATEGIC GOALS 2025-2030



## **Learn in Relationship**

Teaching & Learning in a Global Context

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## **Nurture & Grow**

Enrich the Faculty & Staff Experience

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## **Deepen Roots**

Continued Growth & Long-Term Sustainability

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## **Celebrate Community**

Celebrating Differences &  
Creating a Culture of Belonging

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# LA SCUOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CAMPUSES AT A GLANCE 2024-2025

**466**  
students

**34**  
languages spoken  
by La Scuola  
families

**51%**  
international  
faculty and staff

**329**  
families



**3%**  
LGBTQ  
families

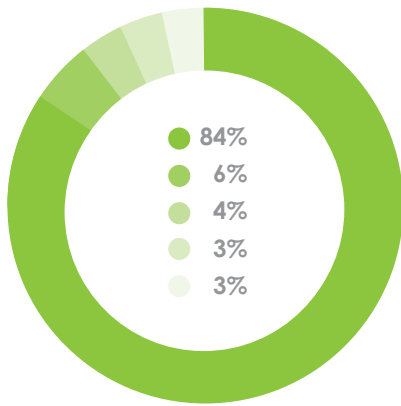
**39**  
zip codes  
across the  
Bay Area

**100+**  
faculty and staff

**17%**  
students  
of color

**30%**  
families participating  
in Sliding Scale Tuition

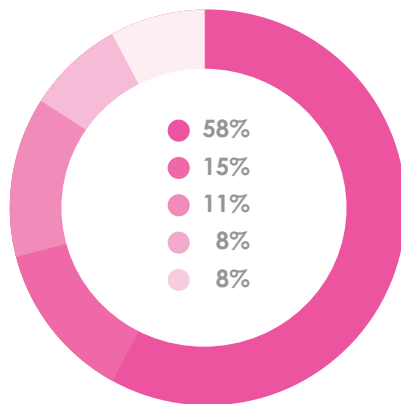
# FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-2025



## Revenues

**\$ 22,245,181**

● Tuition	\$ 18,738,695
● Auxillary and Fees	\$ 1,303,836
● La Dolce Vita	\$ 906,312
● Annual Fund	\$ 689,504
● Grants & Other Income	\$ 606,834



## Expenses

**\$ 21,757,536**

● Salaries and Benefits	\$ 12,677,006
● Sliding Scale Tuition	\$ 3,223,954
● Instruction	\$ 2,369,724
● General Operating & Administration	\$ 1,771,573
● Facilities	\$ 1,715,279

\* Financials are subject to audit by Business Office and are inclusive of outstanding pledges.

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- Ensure that over one-third of our families are on some level of Sliding Scale Tuition;
- Expand our Sliding Scale Tuition program to include support for our camps during school breaks and summer school;
- Add an Admissions Assistant to support growing enrollment;
- Increase access to Spanish language for our upper elementary and middle school students;
- Send our sixth graders to a week at NatureBridge in Yosemite;
- Take our middle schoolers to the legendary Maker Faire in Vallejo;
- Send seven faculty members to Reggio Emilia, Italy, for a week of incredible professional development;
- Increase faculty and staff compensation across the board as we remained competitive with our peer schools in San Francisco;
- Sponsor our faculty and staff to attend La Dolce Vita;

- Greatly enhance our Digital Atelier with new equipment, including professional video and photography lighting, photography kits, and visual arts supplies;
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- Install sound insulation for the San Carlos gymnasium;
- Invest in additional equipment for our Athletics and PE programs;
- Make improvements to our overall IT infrastructure including: replacement of our network equipment, new Chromebooks for students and faculty, and the addition of an AI component to our Toddle platform;
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