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Jon, Lili Bosse Kickstart School Fundraising With \$100,000 Gift



BOSSE FAMILY DONATION— Jon and Lili Bosse (pictured above at Beverly Gardens/BHEF event in December) donated \$100,000 to help inspire community support in a \$600,000 “matching” school fundraising effort.

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By Laura Coleman

On the heels of the City Council’s vote yesterday to channel up to \$4.05 million to Beverly Hills schools, Councilmember Lili Bosse confirmed to *The Courier* that she and her husband Jon will donate \$100,000 to Beverly Hills schools as the first private gift to kick-start the City’s \$600,000 “matching” fund.

As part of the City’s plan to use its \$10 million budget surplus to help the school district close its \$3.5 million budget shortfall, the

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City has agreed to place \$600,000 in escrow that it will release on a matching basis with community donations in an effort to engender greater philanthropy.

“Part of what makes our community so special and so rare is that even though we’re such a well known city...we’re actually a very loving, small town community that actually takes care of each other,” Bosse said. “We’re all interconnected and we have to support each other.”

The Board of Education voted 4-1 on Tuesday to accept the City Liaison’s proposal to plug this coming year’s ed-

ucation budget shortfall by snipping \$4.05 million from the City’s surplus to the school district. Boardmember Brian Goldberg was the lone no vote.

“I’m concerned that this plan doesn’t really address or solve the problem that we’re facing as a district,” Goldberg said.

Board President Jake Manaster, who along with Board VP Noah Margo, Mayor Willie Brien and City Councilmember Julian Gold make up the City Council/BHUSD liaison committee, underscored that it was onetime funding from the City that would not be repeated.

“Hopefully other people in the community will jump on board and help BHEF help meet their goal,” Bosse said.