



HEPA VIKING OUT FUNDRAISER

Dear VIKING Parent, Graduate, Neighbor, or Friend:

We're asking for your donation today to **HELP** a Viking out by putting much needed HEPA filters in our schools.

Our North Shore Vikings are some of the most fortunate students in the country in having the option to return to school in-person or join our remote learning classes. Our administration has devoted tremendous resources toward setting up our children, teachers, and staff with the safest equipment and systems accessible to protect against Covid-19. In doing so, the District's coffers have been diminished by almost three million dollars in unplanned, pandemic-related expenses that include physical building upgrades, personal protective equipment, educational tools and professional development.

Why we need more HEPA: The District is following both the CDC and the EPA's recommendation in pursuing the maximum amount of fresh air possible in our classrooms in order to dilute potential contamination from Covid-19. However, as the weather gets colder, our ventilation systems will not be able to continue delivering 100% fresh air as they are currently doing. Concurrently, as temperatures drop, our kids will be spending even less time outside where they are least likely to contract Covid-19. When this happens, we will be relying more heavily on filtration as an additional strategy for improving indoor air quality. While the district is aiming to upgrade our current HVAC systems to the highest MERV filtration compatible, there are limits to the expenses the District can afford as well as physical constraints due to existing equipment. Portable HEPA units are recommended as a way to improve our indoor air by both the CDC and EPA when combined with strategies we are currently deploying such as: decreased density and time in classrooms, mask wearing, distancing, handwashing, and sanitizing surfaces. **When placed in each classroom, free-standing HEPA filters could add significant protection beyond our building filtration systems.** Dr. Giarrizzo and the North Shore Facilities Director, John Hall, have worked with the District's engineers and architects to source HEPA devices that are currently available and which provide the best value for this added protection. In the long term, these units can continue to supplement our building HVAC systems by reducing not only the risk of contagion, but also the negative effects of other pollutants and irritants such as dust, pollen, chemicals, and mold.

This is where you come in: The Viking Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization formed to support the students and schools of the North Shore District. Your tax-deductible donations to the Viking Foundation will support obtaining the HEPA filters required to outfit each classroom in the district. The District's cost for these units is \$508 each (20% less than their retail price), with the ultimate goal of raising \$129,540 to procure HEPA units district-wide. For just \$50 per student, we can help stop the spread of this virus in our community. To donate, please visit <https://www.northshorevikingfoundation.org/HEPAvikingout> or see the attached form.

Many thanks for your time and concern for our students and community,

Sincerely,

Jaime Hamm, Glen Head parent

Tori Tomasheski, Glenwood Landing parent

Lisa Cashman, Sea Cliff parent

Melissa August, NS Middle & High School parent

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HEPA VIKING OUT DONATION FORM

YES! You can count on me to HEPA VIKING OUT! I'll make a tax-deductible contribution to:

- \$ 4,000** Sponsor HEPA units for the rooms a typical high school student visits in one day
- \$ 2,500** Sponsor HEPA units for an entire elementary grade in one school
- \$ 1,000** Place HEPA units in two classrooms
- \$ 500** Place a HEPA unit in one classroom
- \$ 250** Sponsor half the cost of one HEPA unit
- \$ 100** Cover two student HEPA shares
- \$ 50** **Cover the per student cost of a HEPA unit.** *Viking Strong lawn sign at this level or more.*
- \$ 25** Pitch in to cover half a student HEPA share
- \$ _____** Other - ALL donation amounts appreciated

Have a student at our schools? Let us know! *(Check all that apply)*

- Yes - at the **High School**. Go Vikings!
- Yes - at the **Middle School**. Go Vikings!
- Yes - at the **Glen Head**. Go Vikings!
- Yes - at the **Glenwood Landing**. Go Vikings!
- Yes - at the **Sea Cliff**. Go Vikings!
- Just want to help our schools and community! Go Vikings!

Want to tell us more? I am: *(Check all that apply)*

- An alum
- Parent of a graduate
- A grandparent or other relative
- Caring community member

Donated \$50 or more? Let us know if you'd like a Viking Strong lawn sign!

- Yes! I'd love to show our pride
- No, thank you

Please tell us how your name should be listed in public acknowledgments

including social media, e.g. Jane Viking, The Viking Family, In Honor of Joe Viking, etc., or Anonymous

Name for Public Acknowledgements: _____

Contact Information

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Thank you for considering a 100% tax-deductible donation to support HEPA air purifiers throughout the district. These portable units can improve the indoor air quality in our schools and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Each unit costs a little over \$500. With district-wide participation, a \$50 donation per student would reach our ultimate goal of \$130K. We know that not everyone will be able to participate. If this project is important to you, and you have the means, please consider donating on behalf of someone who can't.

How to complete your donation: *(Please fill in this form and include it with your check)*

Checks should be payable to North Shore Viking Foundation with "HEPA Fund" in memo line. Send in check with student or mail to: North Shore Viking Foundation, ATTN: HEPA Fund, P.O. Box 155, Sea Cliff, NY, 11579. Please visit www.northshorevikingfoundation.org/HEPAvikingout to donate via PayPal.

DONATE NOW TO **HEPA** VIKING OUT!

OUR GOAL

To support the installation of portable HEPA air purifiers throughout the North Shore district in order to enhance indoor air quality in our schools and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Our ultimate goal is to raise \$130K in total for the purchase of 255 portable units, insuring HEPA filtration for every instructional space in the district.

WHY HEPA?

Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommend portable HEPA filtration in conjunction with other measures to reduce the risk of viral contamination indoors. Portable units are an effective way of supplementing the capabilities of existing building ventilation and filtration systems. In the long term, these units can continue to benefit our students and staff by reducing not only the risk of contagion, but also the negative effects of other pollutants and irritants such as dust, pollen, chemicals, and mold.

Proposed Unit Specifications:

- HEPA filter removes 99.97% of microscopic particles (>0.3 microns)
- Multi-stage filtration enhances efficiency and longevity of filters
- Rated for 400 CFM airflow on high setting
- 2.5-3.5 additional air exchanges per hour for typical classroom size

"Air cleaning and filtration can help reduce airborne contaminants, including particles containing viruses. Portable air cleaners (also known as air purifiers) may be particularly helpful when additional ventilation with outdoor air is not possible without compromising indoor comfort (temperature or humidity), or when outdoor air pollution is high."

HOW TO GIVE

To help us reach our goal, please see the HEPA VIKING OUT donation form or visit us at:

<https://www.northshorevikingfoundation.org/HEPAvikingout>

- EPA guidelines on Air Cleaners, HVAC Filters, and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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