

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



**La Scuola**

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# Inspire Brave Learners to Shape the Future.



Cari Amici,

With much to celebrate over the 2018-19 school year, we pause to thank the generosity of the La Scuola community. Our hearts were shared through their artwork at the *Insieme* art exhibition at the Museo Italo Americano. Our minds were rewarded with seven years, the longest accreditation term awarded by WASC (Western Association of Independent Schools)/CAIS (California Association of Independent Schools).

Quite possibly one of the greatest accomplishments, through hard work and determination, is the procurement of the St. Charles school site in The Mission. La Scuola has secured an astounding sixty-year lease that will support our vision anchored in our philosophy that environment is more than mere space or setting – it's a teacher that plays an essential role in our education and our future. While the lease was secured just last year, La Scuola determination allows us to open the doors this year to its first brave learners from grades 5 through 8, celebrating La Scuola's very first graduates – the Class of 2020!

We take pride in the community that La Scuola has fostered. It is with the dedication of our volunteers from our Board of Directors, PALS, La Dolce Vita, and all parents' committees, and Annual Fund, that we are able to fulfill our dreams – ensuring that our students, faculty and administration continue to be open to the world.

Niente Senza Gioia! Nothing without joy!

Grazie di cuore,

**VALENTINA IMBENI,**  
Head of School

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**SERRA FALK GOLDMAN,**  
Board of Directors - Chair

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# LA SCUOLA STRATEGIC GOALS



## 1 PERMANENCE

To build a place that furthers the magic of our community, spaces and programs.



## 5 THRIVEABILITY

To transition from sustainability to thriveability.



## 2 NURTURE + GROW

To nurture the professional growth of our team and continue to attract and retain the best educators.



## 4 COMMUNITY

To preserve our unique multiculturalism and further diversity, inclusivity and equity within our community.



## 3 HEART + MIND

To integrate the richness and strength of the IB framework with the intentionality and creativity of the Reggio Emilia pedagogy to ensure that our students understand the world and create their place in it.



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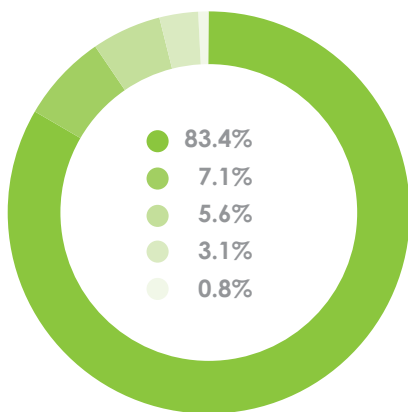
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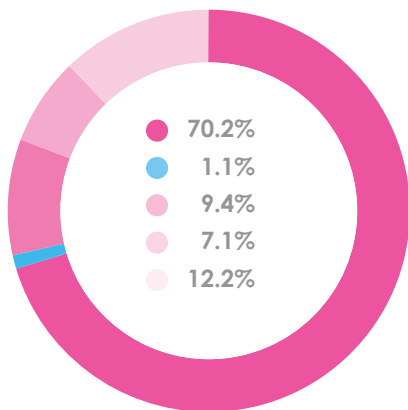
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### Revenues

\$ **9,497,443**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Tuition and Fees    | \$ 7,924,737 |
| Auxillary and Fees  | \$ 678,693   |
| Annual Fund         | \$ 530,512   |
| Gala / Auction      | \$ 295,192   |
| Grants / Restricted | \$ 68,309    |



### Expenses

\$ **9,434,795**

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries, Benefits and General Admin | \$ 6,625,134 |
| Professional Development             | \$ 103,083   |
| Instructions                         | \$ 886,166   |
| Tuition Assistance                   | \$ 669,786   |
| Facilities                           | \$ 1,150,626 |

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