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Dear Friends of Heart Math Tutoring,

The 2020/21 school year was challenging across our city. Students engaged primarily in virtual learning, and **4th grade math proficiency rates in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools plummeted from 63% to 38%** (NC End-of-Grade Tests, 2019, 2021). This calls for a renewed and deepened response.

Since 2013, Heart Math Tutoring has connected volunteers with thousands of students who need math support. With a structured curriculum, on-site support, and strong partnership with CMS, in-person results to date include 98% of students demonstrating math growth that meets goals set by UNC Charlotte and CMS math specialists. Currently, **over 1,000 volunteer tutors** are inviting students into a position of strength through weekly 1:1 tutoring sessions. A student at Joseph W. Grier Academy says, “[HMT] is fun and I learn new things. If you get the wrong answer, they will help you get the correct answer. I’m doing good in math now. I hope I can come back to Heart Math Tutoring.”

Tutoring works, but it can be cost prohibitive for many. Heart Math Tutoring is provided free of cost to hundreds of students who do not have access to resources for private tutoring.

Over the past year, support from Heart Math Tutoring donors has provided the opportunity to:

- Create and test a **new virtual delivery model**,
- Offer **summer programming** for the first time,
- Increase **culturally competent support and tutor education**, and
- Welcome **new school and volunteer partners**.

More students are waiting. We are committed to reinvesting operating reserves to open four new school sites over the next two years, which expands the program’s footprint of 24 school sites to 28. **Our fundraising budget also requires a 14% increase to deepen the impact on each student. With a gift today, you can help ensure students develop the strong foundation in math and enthusiasm for academics needed for long-term success.**

Please consider supporting Heart Math Tutoring students with a gift today toward the 2022/23 school year. We won’t accept the status quo, and with your support, Charlotte elementary students can excel. Thank you!



Connie Carlson
Board Chair



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PS – You can give using the enclosed form or donate at heartmathtutoring.org/donate. Thank you for considering a gift in support of students!