

the **BASIC** fund

Dear Parent,

Parental choice and involvement are a key part of The BASIC Fund's mission. We know that choosing the best school for your child can be a challenge, but it is an important decision. The choice you make today can lead to a fulfilling educational experience for your child, and lay the foundation for a bright future. Please take a moment and consider these 5 steps when choosing a school:

1. Research and gather information about each school you are considering.
2. Tour each school campus.
3. Speak to principals, teachers, administrators, and parents of children currently at the school.
4. Ask questions about academics, extracurricular activities, school policies, etc. to figure out what the school offers and what will be expected of you and your child.
5. Apply to the schools you determine are best for your child.

We have also included a **Great School Quality Checklist** for you to use as a resource as you begin the search for a school that will best meet your and your child's needs. You can download it from our web site on the School Finder page.

Book resources:

- *Picky Parent Guide: Choose Your Child's School With Confidence, the Elementary Years, K-6*, by Bryan C. Hassel, Ph.D. & Emily Ayscue Hassel.
- *The Educated Child: A Parent's Guide From Preschool Through Eighth Grade*, by William J. Bennett, Chester E. Finn, Jr., and John T.E. Cribb, Jr.
- *How To Choose The Perfect School: What 21st Century Parents Need to Know about K-12 Education*, by Mary Lang.

Website resources:

- www.greatschools.org
- www.pickyparent.com
- www.elementaryschools.org
- www.nytimes.com/schoolbook

We hope this information will be useful and we wish you the best of luck in your search.

Sincerely,
The BASIC Fund