

Russian-American International School

1) How has the current economy affected the need of services that you give to the community?

The Russian-American International School is the only elementary K-5 school in California that offers a bilingual curriculum in Russian and English. Our students spend half of their time in Russian classes and other half in English classes in a rigorous academic environment based on the European system of learning. In addition to their bilingual fluency, our students are skilled in advanced mathematics, science, social studies, art and music. Besides the academic achievements of our students, our school prides itself on such values as self-confidence, kindness and respect among students.

Nevertheless, despite the fact that our school's tuition is relatively low, more parents can not afford a private school nowadays, especially if there is more than one child in the family. Parents apply to public school and wait until late to apply to private schools. More people apply for a financial aid.

2) How has the current economy affected the donations of goods and services that your organization receives?

Most of the donations we receive are from parents of our current or past students. There is a significant drop as parents lose their jobs and can hardly afford to pay their bills.

3) How have the services that your organization provides to the community affected our local economy?

Our students learn English, Russian, Mandarin and Spanish at school. All our students are bilingual, some of them are trilingual. Young children have the best opportunity to become the business and political leaders of tomorrow by learning multiple languages while they are young. Domestic employers in the United States will continue to value employees who can speak multiple languages. Second language capabilities are in need in our global, diverse community more so now than ever before.