



## ONGOING SUPPORT

1. Fabretto Foundation is providing reduced and free meals for the students.
2. PriceMart, a large grocery/retail chain provides basic school supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, glue, tape, etc. to the students at the

beginning of the school year under the program “Aprender Y Crear” – Learn and Create.

3. Movistar, a cellphone communications company is providing 16 computers and wi-fi connection to the school for the students.
4. Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners will provide sewing machines and materials and training for the mothers of the students to learn how to sew school uniforms for the students. While uniforms are not required it is the desire of the students to have uniforms as it gives them a sense of belonging and teamwork. The school will provide space in the cantina for the sewing machines.



## NEEDS AND DESIRED ASSISTANCE

1. The electrical wiring in the buildings needs to be redone and brought up to code. Many of the wires are out in the open and cobbled together with electrical boxes exposed, toggle switches dangling down, etc. It is not a safe environment especially during the rainy season.
2. The school needs audio-visual (AV) equipment, especially loud-speaker, microphones, etc. to use for general assembly and for theatrical plays, music and dance classes.
3. The school could use musical instruments, especially percussion – all sorts of drums and guitars.
4. The school could use sporting equipment and uniforms – basket balls, soccer balls, as well as jerseys, tennis shoes.
5. The school could use playground equipment for the younger age students (K-3 grades).
6. The school NEEDS an industrial gas stove/range. They have a gas-line to the school. Currently they are making 500+ tortillas over a wood/charcoal make-shift stove outside using the top of a 50 gallon barrel as the “griddle”. An industrial stove with a flat cooking surface would really facilitate and expedite the preparing and serving of the noon meal.



Lastly, 2 years ago when the former school principal retired, she pushed to have the school renamed in honor of one of the revolutionists who died in the Contra-War. But the Wisconsin School teachers and parents of the students protested and insisted that the school remain the “Wisconsin School” in honor of the people from Wisconsin who donated money back in 1972 to build the school.

The Wisconsin School will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 and they are planning on a week-long program of festivities, etc. They will be inviting Wisconsin to come down and celebrate with them. I think it would be an excellent opportunity for the State of Wisconsin to travel down to Managua and partake in the festivities and to continue the relationship that has been going on for 40+ years between Wisconsin and Nicaragua.



I hope this report is helpful to you and gives you an idea of Wisconsin’s involvement in the Wisconsin School as well as the relationship the State of Wisconsin has with the country of Nicaragua. Many times good things can happen when people are giving the opportunity to work “people-to-people” and keep politics out of it.

Sincerely yours, Marty Havlovic (Past President W/NP)