

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2019
September 1, 2018 to
August 31, 2019



Since 1987, Issaquah Schools Foundation, led by parents from the district, has been fueling success in the lives of more than 20,000 Issaquah School District students.

com·mu·ni·ty



Dear Foundation Supporters,

A community is defined as:

1. A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. A feeling of fellowship with others; by sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

Studies show that strong schools and strong communities go hand in hand. The Issaquah Schools Foundation has worked hard for 33 years to remain resilient, resourceful, and relevant by listening to you, our donors, and to the community to identify gaps and prioritize what is important with the goal of benefitting students first.

To you, our supporters, I want to give heartfelt thanks to YOU for making our schools and community strong throughout 2019! Now more than ever, we are so grateful to you for funding, volunteering, celebrating, and advocating for the Issaquah Schools Foundation.

The Foundation remains committed to driving resources to help students reach the promise of their potential and is seeking innovative ways to adapt to the current learning environment. Generous people like you possess the attitude of sharing and caring that makes our community strong. Your continued support brings comfort, encouragement, and hope for tomorrow.

To every student's success,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol M. Allen', written in a cursive style.

Acting Executive Director

Issaquah Schools Foundation—

resilient through the years

made of parents from the district, attentive to emergent needs, resourceful, and focused on what's relevant right now

"I think so positively of the Issaquah Schools Foundation. I realized how far the support from the Foundation can reach when the grant I received in 2009 helped me to write a virtual keyboard camp that I have been able to use during remote teaching in 2020. I am so grateful for the valuable resources the Foundation provides for us to make lasting impressions on our students!"

Beth Mohr,
Briarwood Elementary
Music Teacher



"The Character Strong curriculum has a depth and authenticity that make it feel worthwhile to students and staff. The Character Dare challenges allow for the crucial real-life practice of the character traits and skills we are reinforcing. I have used some of the activities in my other classes because they are valuable community-building exercises and are enjoyed (even asked for) by students."

Jane Watkins,
Language Arts Teacher,
Maywood Middle School



"The district is committed to equity & inclusion and these resources help us engage all types of learners."

Rich Mellish, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, Issaquah School District



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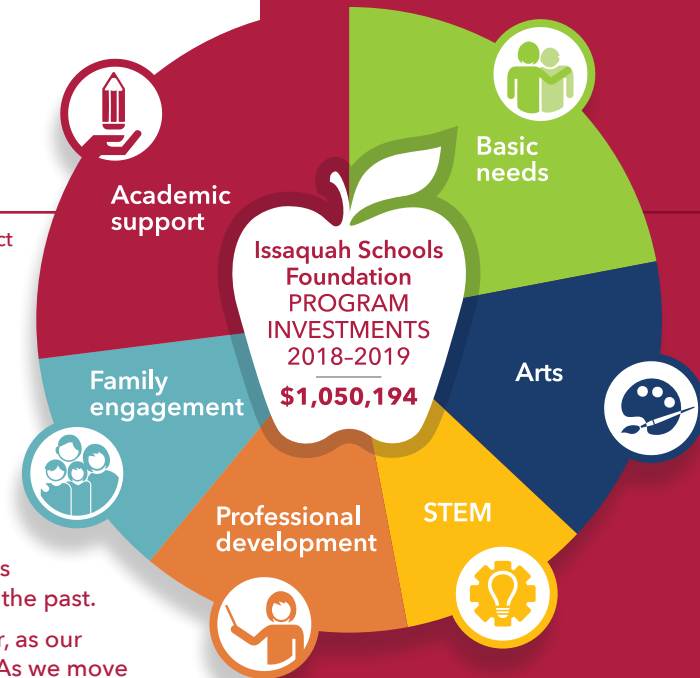
It's impossible to measure the positive impact the Issaquah Schools Foundation has had on the students of Issaquah School District over its 33-year history. In that time, we have grown into a diverse and vibrant district of 20,000 students, and Issaquah Schools Foundation has grown along with us, always expanding and adapting their programs to better meet the changing needs of our students. The Foundation shares the district's commitment to equity, and their partnership is crucial as we work to better serve those students who have been under-served in the past.

The support of Issaquah Schools Foundation is more important than ever this year, as our students face the challenges of learning and growing during a global pandemic. As we move through this difficult time and look to the future, I am comforted to know we do so with the continued partnership of the Issaquah Schools Foundation. I am proud of everything our organizations have accomplished together to help our students thrive in school and grow into healthy, successful adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Thiele".

Superintendent Issaquah School District



YOUR 2018-2019 DOLLARS AT WORK

Academic Support | 27%—\$287,161
Academic support varies by grade level, but these programs offer students the opportunity to get one-to-one help from a teacher in a quiet setting.

Arts | 15%—\$156,483
The Artistic Support program provides opportunities for the development of innovative thinking through arts experiences, lessons, videos, and creativity training.

Basic Needs | 22%—\$229,991
The Foundation works in many ways to lower barriers to academic success.

Family Engagement | 12%—\$121,921
Helping parents feel more confident becoming involved in school and supporting their students at home.

STEM | 10%—\$109,888
Funding at the high school level to further enrich co-curricular and extra-curricular groups for valuable learning opportunities.

Professional Dev | 14%—\$144,751
Funding for teachers to help keep their skills sharp.

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programs

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Areas of Focus

The Foundation focuses on the whole child and provides support for programs that assist students with everything from basic needs and academics, to arts and science, to planning for life after high school.



Building Academic Foundations



Exploring Limitless Opportunities



Launching Successfully into their Futures

Academic Support

- Before & after school support – subject specific help from teachers
- Online resources – help with reading and math
- Highly Capable & Science Tech – materials
- Testing Scholarships – AP & IB exams

Basic Needs

- Tools4School – backpacks filled with supplies
- Food support – breakfast, snacks, and lunches
- Social Emotional Support
- Behavioral Health – speakers & curriculum
- Student Intervention Services – curriculum, materials, and professional development for counselors and student support coaches.

STEM

- Robotics Clubs – funding for needed materials.
- STEM Clubs – materials for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math clubs
- STEMposium – districtwide showcase around STEM

Arts

- Fine arts funding – band, orchestra, choir, and visual arts programs at the secondary level
- Artistic support – art experiences, lessons, videos, and creativity training at the elementary level

Support for the Future

- Impact Scholarships – for continuing education
- Great Careers Conference – secondary education options outside a four-year college

Support for Teachers

- Teacher Grants – opportunities to enrich education, fill unmet needs, and/or serve as incubators for innovation
- Professional Development – further training and certification for teachers

Family Engagement

- ParentWiser – speakers, events, and information on effective parenting strategies to help kids
- Cultural Bridges – Outreach events, translation services, and a multi-lingual magazine

GRANTS

The Issaquah Schools Foundation's earliest efforts were in providing grants for teachers. The Foundation believes that innovation is essential and provides funds to explore and implement new ideas in the classroom. Foundation grants transform these ideas into programs and solutions that can ultimately be implemented across the district, multiplying the benefits to students for years to come.

The Foundation has funded hundreds of grants to teachers over the past 33 years totaling over 2 million dollars in support for ideas that help with everything from new ways to provide academic support and enhancement of the arts to social emotional support and career exploration. Teachers are the best resource for innovative ways to reach students and the Foundation is a key to help with implementation of those ideas.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Foundation supports students and families with information around behavioral health by providing funding for expert speakers and films that guide students and families through the stressors facing youth today.

Topics include anxiety, the effects of social media, and discussion on safe boundaries and consent. We are also able to provide funding for curriculum supporting character development, especially important during the middle school years. Along with speakers and curriculum, our funding for student interventions provides counselors at every school training and materials on suicide prevention.

- 1,000+ backpacks filled with school supplies provided each year
- Over 15,000 free breakfasts, snacks, or lunches provided annually
- Counselors at every school are provided training and materials on suicide prevention
- Nurses Fund supported annually to meet urgent student needs

"The Foundation supports opportunities for teachers to dream big, and when teachers can dream big, students can achieve."

Dana Bailey,
Director of Special Services
Issaquah School District

"The ASAP program has been invaluable to struggling students. One of my students does not have access to our software at home, so he is able to access the program from school providing him an equitable opportunity for success in physics... It is an awesome way to reach out to students who need a little more help with the content without making them feel called out. I have found a higher success rate since beginning this tutoring funded by the Foundation."

Kristin Bennett, Skyline Teacher





"I like that flexible seating gives me so much focus. For example, whenever I get the jitters from something really interesting at recess, I can just bounce them out on a bouncy ball. This is important because I need to get my jitters out before I can focus, and if I can't then I won't learn as much."

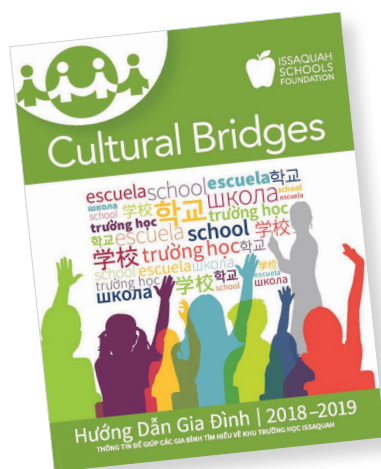
Student
(Grant Recipient classroom)

cultural bridges

Cultural Bridges Magazine

The Cultural Bridges program produces a quarterly bilingual publication that helps non-native families navigate the Issaquah School District and the cities of Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle, Bellevue and Renton. The magazine is currently offered in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, English, Russian and Chinese translations.

Cultural Bridges also publishes an annual Family Guide to help all families learn more about the school system, better understand rules and procedures, and explore ways to become more involved.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To create limitless opportunities that inspire our students on their personal path to success.

VISION STATEMENT

- We put student's needs first, focusing on the whole child
- We create opportunity
- We collaborate with our partners
- We seek innovation
- We focus on results
- We respect and build relationships with our donors

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