Our Mission: The Bellingham Public School Foundation (BPSF) partners with the community to build awareness and support to help fund the best possible education for all students in Bellingham Public Schools.

Recognized as 501(c)(3) in 1993.
Revitalized during the 2011-2012 school year.
ROLE OF SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

Many school districts across the nation and our state are turning to non-profit school foundations to close funding gaps and to be a source of reliable, flexible funds.
ROLE OF SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

• Foundations support district-wide needs, differing from parent groups that often support a single school or program.
ROLE OF SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

• Develop endowments to provide sustainable program funding for the future.
IN CONCERT WITH BPS WE:

• Support the community’s interest and investment in public schools by articulating giving opportunities that align with district priorities, and cultivating support for new and/or unmet needs.
IN CONCERT WITH BPS WE:

• Act as an agent for reducing the achievement gap by recognizing and addressing disparities between district schools and aligning funding with need.
IN CONCERT WITH BPS WE:

- Serve as the umbrella organization to create functional partnerships with other community organizations with similar interests to increase cooperation and support; reducing redundancy and confusion.
DONOR GIVING TO SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS 2014-2015

Mercer Island Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $1,639,750 | Students: 4,280
  – $383/student in community giving

Bainbridge Island Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $1,115,250 | Students: 3,700
  – $300/student in community giving

Issaquah Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $1,500,000 | Students: 19,000
  – $79/student in community giving
DO NOT GIVING TO SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS 2014-2015

Snohomish Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $513,000 | Students: 9,800
  – $52/student in community giving

Everett Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $626,250 | Students: 19,200
  – $33/student in community giving

Bellingham Schools Foundation
• Revenue: $200,000 | Students: 11,000
  – $18/student in community giving
WHAT DO ES BPSF FUND?

• In 2014-2015 school year, BPSF dispersed more than $150,000 in support of great teaching and learning.
WHAT DOES BPSF FUND?

2014-2015 Awards and Grants $151,501

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY’S FUTURE
WHAT DOES BPSF FUND?

• In 2015-2016 school year, BPSF dispersed more than $175,000 in support of great teaching and learning.
WHAT DOES BPSF FUND?

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

2015-2016 School Year Awards & Grants $176,544

- One Schoolhouse Equity Grants $48,204
- BPS Events $8,620
- Visual & Performing Arts $9,047
- AP Testing & College in the High School Fees $9,840
- PTSA Grants $11,846
- District Wide School Grants $16,994
- STEM $17,239
- Sailsh Sea Field Trip/Other $19,754

BPSF supports important programs at all 22 schools - with additional resources for our schools with the highest needs!
WHAT DOES BPSF FUND?

- This year, we will award more than $235,000.
- As part of this conversation, we hope to hear from you about our role and priorities for BPSF funding!
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

• How do we advance and grow our annual giving revenues?
• What will it take to establish a multi-million dollar endowment?
• How can we work together to collectively realize these goals?
WE ARE BETTER, TOGETHER!
ARE YOU IN?
In these pages, we invite you to learn more about education funding in our school district and encourage you to support an outstanding education for all our students.

Dear Community Member,

What makes an excellent education? Is it one with a rigorous focus on academics? A vibrant, engaging arts program? Memorable field trips and experiential learning?

In the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, it's all of that and more, thanks to a critical partnership between the school district, our PTAs and the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF).

While state funding for education is improving, we still have a long way to go. Funding is well below pre-2009 levels and, at projected rates, will not reach pre-recession levels until 2020. Per capita, students in California receive just half the funding of top-funded states, including New York, New Jersey and Vermont.

In Santa Monica and Malibu, we rely on our generous communities to provide financial support for extraordinary staff and programs above and beyond what the state provides for our children. Our students learn to express themselves through art and shine in internationally recognized music programs that start in the primary grades. They reach new frontiers in science, technology, engineering and math programs preparing them to work in an ever-more technical world. They excel in athletics while learning the value of teamwork. They are taught and supported by a group of educators, parents and community members dedicated to their advancement.

While public education is free, a great public education requires everyone's commitment. We look forward to having your support so SMMUSD can provide the best public education possible for each and every student we serve.

Thank you,

Sandra Lyon
Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Linda Greenberg
Executive Director
Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation

Rochelle Fanali
President
Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council
SMMUSD + SMMEF + PTA = The Best Education for Your Child

**SMMUSD**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District serves the diverse coastal communities of Santa Monica and Malibu in Los Angeles County. SMMUSD educates 11,300 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade in 10 elementary schools, two middle schools, one 9-12 high school, one 6-12 high school, a continuation high school and a K-8 alternative school. The district is also home to 11 early childhood education centers and an adult school. SMMUSD is a high-performing district with academic scores consistently ranking in the top tier of districts in Los Angeles and the State of California.

**SMMEF**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation is the nonprofit fundraising and lead philanthropic partner for the school district. Established in 1982 by a dedicated group of parents, community leaders, and local business owners, SMMEF provides funding to enhance and support the curriculum of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. SMMEF's mission is to engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all students in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools.

In the last two years, SMMEF has provided more than $6 million in funding to SMMUSD schools. SMMEF raises funds annually to provide staff and programs that distinguish SMMUSD from many other school districts, including instructional assistants to facilitate small group learning, elementary arts education, and enrichment grants for all 16 schools in the district. SMMEF endowments also support arts programs in middle and high schools, supplemental library funding, instruments, and music education for socio-economically disadvantaged students.

**PTA**

With nearly 7,000 members in schools across the district, SMMUSD's 16 Parent Teacher Associations advocate for the education, health and welfare of all children and families. PTA facilitates communication between school and home and organizes informative parent meetings and fun family events. PTA also mobilizes volunteers around local and state school funding measures and legislative issues that impact students.

In addition, PTA raises funds for a variety of needs at each school site, ranging from books and supplies to field trips and technology. PTA also works closely with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation to support its districtwide fundraising efforts that benefit every student in every SMMUSD school.
The district, SMMEF, and PTAs each have an important role to play in school funding. While SMMUSD funds most of the system through federal, state, and local revenue, it is only with additional resources from SMMEF and PTA that the district is able to create an environment where students can thrive.
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Aside from funding, we appreciate all the many ways our parents, volunteers and partners support our schools and students:

- Salaries & Benefits
  - Staff
- Teaching and Learning
  - Instructional Programs
  - Career and Technical Education
  - Fine Arts Education
  -ufficient Education
  - Language Learners and Migrant
  - English Language Development
  - Instructional Materials
  - Educational Supplies
  - Libraries
  - Wellness, Health Services
  and Behavioral Support
- Central Services
  - Finance and Operations
  - Business Services
  - Food Services
  - Insurance
  - Transportation
  - Utilities
  - Communications and Community Relations
  - Human Resources
- Technology
  - Computers, student devices, smart boards and other technology
- Professional development
- Capital Projects and School Facilities
  - Facilities Construction and Improvements
  - Office and Classroom Equipment
  - Building & Grounds
  - Facilities Support
- Project Fees Education
  - Field Trips
  - School Supplies
  - Reduced Fees for athletics, courses and testing
- School Grants
  - Individual grants often used for student well being, citizenship, STEAM, literacy and enrichment programs
- One Schoolhouse Resources
  - Field trips
  - Emergency student support fund
  - Family support fund
  - Testing fees
- Additional Visual and Performing Arts Resources
  - 5th grade strings
  - New instruments
  - Music teacher stipends
- Additional STEM Resources
  - Creativity and innovation
  - Classroom supplies
  - Robotics support
- Additional Early Childhood Resources
  - Promise K
  - GRADS program
- Salary Support for strategic BPS staff
  - District grant writer
  - Volunteer coordinator
- Wellness Resources
  - PE
  - Central Kitchen
  - School Gardens
- Additional Teacher Professional Development
- District Events
  - Promise Awards
  - Back-to-School Breakfast
  - Now hire and retirement events
- Community Partners
- Community and Family Donations
## PTA & IPSF Pay for Different Things

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<td><strong>PTA</strong> funds site-specific needs, such as equipment and supplies. For example, classroom and art materials, library books, computers and technology purchases, school equipment, enrichment programs and limited staff support.</td>
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<td><strong>IPSF</strong>'s annual grant to IUSD pays for staff expenses such as teacher salaries. For example, teachers, instructional assistants, music specialists, health clerks and nurses were funded in part by IPSF in 2011-2012.</td>
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## Stand with IPSF and PTA

Although separate organizations, IPSF and Irvine Unified Council PTA share one common goal: work with IUSD to ensure excellence in education. While PTA's primary mission is advocacy, they also raise funds to support individual schools. IPSF's primary mission is to provide programs and funding to support districtwide programs at every school. With our different structures, Irvine has great opportunities to support both and together give students what they need to succeed.
Equality

Equity
(where we take some from one to give to another)

Equity
(require additional resources)

Equal Opportunity for All

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