

District 57 Education Foundation

Did you Know?

What is the D57 Ed. Foundation?

14 years ago, a group of parents formed a non profit organization and began a fundraising campaign for the children within the district. The idea was to raise money each year for the needs of our district as they relate to curriculum, wellness, and technology.

WHO is the Ed. Foundation?

Once the original group was formed, each year current members recruit new members to keep the fundraising efforts going after their three year term expires. We are always open to new members and excited when a parent has questions or is interested in joining.

But who REALLY is the Ed. Foundation?

The Ed. Foundation really represents every business who believes in our district enough to sponsor an event and make a donation. It's every family who donates an item to be auctioned whether it's a movie gift card or weekend cottage getaway. It's every family who donates their time to help with decorations, invitations and spreading the word. It's every family member and friend who buy raffle tickets or attends an event or purchases an auction item.

What are the events the Ed. Foundation organizes?

There are two events - The Fall Dinner & Golf Outing (9/23/11) and the Spring Dinner/Auction (2/25/12).

WHY is the Ed. Foundation important? Why we need YOU!

Every year, the Ed. Foundation hopes to raise about \$75,000 to invest into the schools. The list of items purchase is lengthy but examples range from the library at Westbrook (yep, that fabulous library at Westbrook was funded by parents and a huge contribution from Bosch!), the fitness room at Lincoln, books for curriculum, laptops, smart boards, LCD projectors and the ever so popular Field Day jumpy houses. The items we fund are important to the teachers and to the children. We all value the contribution we make to each school every year. The success of the Foundation relies on your participation. Each year, a group of parents "retire" to Prospect High School. The Foundation NEEDS our new families to come aboard and be a part of this great effort.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can the Foundation pay a teacher's salary?

The mission of the Board is to enhance the education of the District by raising funds to support curriculum, technology and the wellness of our students. The mission of the Foundation is to not replace the funding of core assets of the District, including staff but to enhance our kids' education by strategically allocating limited resources that will have a positive impact across the largest number of students.

2. How do you decide which grants will be funded?

After consultation with the District's staff and Administration, the Foundation Board makes all funding decisions.

3. Who can submit a grant request?

The Board accepts grant requests from parents, teachers and staff members within the District.

4. Are the School Board and the Education Foundation the same thing?

No, the School Board consists of elected members who work directly with the Administration. The Education Foundation is a group of volunteers whose only goal is fundraising.

5. Does the Education Foundation simply fund what the Administration requests?

No, the Education Foundation certainly appreciates the feedback from the Administration regarding specific items but the ultimate decision to fund a grant request is made only by the Ed. Foundation.

6. Can anyone join the Education Foundation?

The Ed. Foundation is always looking for committed, hard working, positive minded parents to join the group. Please reach out and ask questions!!

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