

2020 Annual Report



Letter from President

It goes without saying, 2020 has not been a typical year. Despite the unprecedented challenges our school community has faced—Maynard Public School (MPS) teachers, staff, and families have worked together, ensuring our students continue to learn and grow.

This spirit of innovation in instruction is the backbone of the Maynard Education Foundation's (MEF's) mission. And while last year's grant program ended differently than we had anticipated, we were excited to award a wide range of grants in the areas of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics), ELA (English Language Arts), and Professional Development. MEF was delighted to fund grants that benefited teachers and students at Maynard High School, Fowler, and Green Meadow Elementary School—funding projects such as virtual reality and 3-D printing technologies, staff participation in speech pathology seminars, and materials that enhance the math and science curriculum.

We were fortunate to be able to come together for our largest fundraiser "The Taste" in March—just before the impending lock-down. MEF is grateful to all the restaurants, businesses, donors, and corporate sponsors who made this event possible. Please consider supporting these local restaurants and businesses who generously contributed to this event.

At the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, local families expressed their appreciation to 75 MPS teachers by participating in MEF's annual Teacher Tribute Program. We thank these families for their generous donations in honor of the staff members who have made a difference in their child's education.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in MEF's Annual Appeal—providing critical funding for our grant program, in a year in which we will be unable to host our largest, signature fundraiser, "The Taste."

As we look ahead to 2021, MEF continues to work with the Maynard Public Schools to enhance educational excellence. We are committed to providing innovative solutions and new learning opportunities for students and staff participating in both hybrid and remote learning models.

Thank you for your continued support and investment in MEF throughout the years.

I am proud to be part of a community that values educational excellence in our schools.

In gratitude,
Fiona Nauseda

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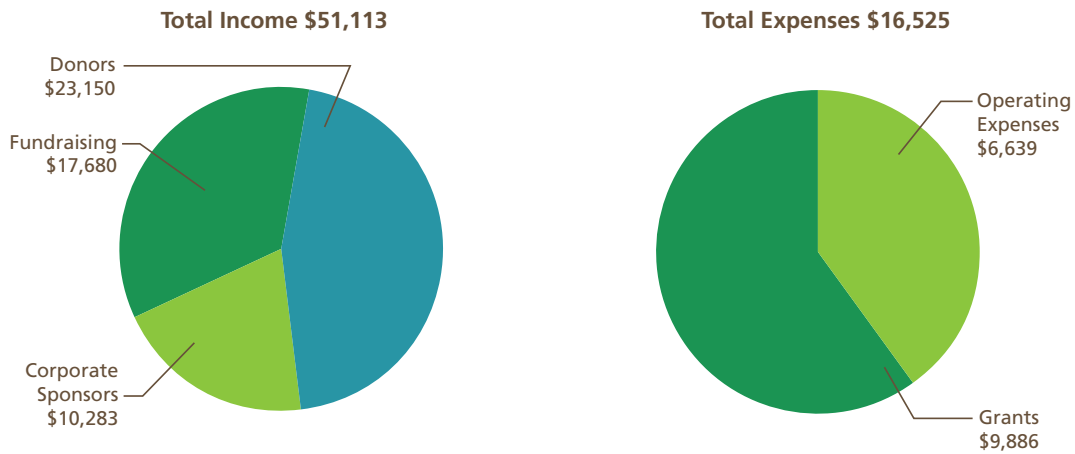
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Mission Statement

The Maynard Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that uses its philanthropic contributions to enhance educational excellence in the Maynard Public Schools by funding ideas and projects which promote and celebrate academic rigor and achievement, excitement about learning, and innovation in instruction.

Financial Information 2020*



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The Maynard Education Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following corporations and individuals whose generous contributions funded innovative learning opportunities in the Maynard Public School system in 2020.

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| • Dean's List | \$250 |

2019-2020 Grant Highlights

Classroom and Curriculum Enhancement

MEF funds enable teachers to pilot programs, introduce new materials, and provide additional classroom resources that improve student learning.

- Updated version of the Lucy Calkins writing program and Contexts for Learning math curriculum at Green Meadow
- Six wobble stools for Green Meadow; active seating giving students the sensory input they need
- A three-year subscription to the Beacon-Villager for High School Communications classes to help students identify ways they can collaborate with and expand their reach in the community

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)

The study of science, technology, engineering, art, and math is at the forefront of education with numerous grants in this area supported by the Foundation including robotics, 3-D printing, and virtual reality.

- A classroom bundle of six VEX EDR V5 robot kits for the High School
- Subscription to Print Lab program and 3-D printer filament at Fowler
- Funding for “Google Cardboard” virtual reality pilot program Google Expeditions, giving students the chance to view places and landmarks from around the world in virtual reality.

Professional Development

MEF Grants support teacher and specialist professional development at Fowler and the High School, focusing this year on seminars and courses around speech, behavior, and writing.

- Speech-Language Pathologist Seminars providing tools to conduct effective informal and formal reading and language assessments and new interventions to make student sessions more engaging and interactive
- An online Dialectical Behavior Therapy Course focused on mindfulness, emotion regulation, interpersonal skills, and distress tolerance to help students achieve academic success and improve school engagement
- A writing workshop with the goal of improving abilities to teach writing skills to students

Student Initiatives

Grants support student initiatives including:

- Partial funding for hydration station at Fowler, allowing students to refill their own reusable water bottles and decrease the use of plastic, non-biodegradable water bottles

Remote Learning Support

During this challenging time of remote and hybrid learning, grants support teachers and students as their education needs shift.

- White boards for teacher and students to use during remote learning at Green Meadow, allowing for increased student interaction online
- A two-year subscription to the Brown University History and Current Issues “Choices” Curriculum—providing High School students with high quality and versatile curriculum during remote learning



Grant Programs

The Maynard Education Foundation (MEF) funds proposals that bring innovative ideas to the Maynard Public Schools and provides opportunities for staff and students that are not typically covered by the district budget. MEF awards three different types of grants:

Teacher Grants

For pilot programs, materials, resources, guest speakers, enrichment activities, conferences, and professional development opportunities.

Student Grants

For student-initiated and student-led projects focused on improving the Maynard Public Schools (MPS). The student grant recipient works in collaboration with a MPS educator or staff member.

Leadership Grants

For administrators seeking to make a difference throughout the school system.

MEF by the numbers

Total # of Grants for 2020

13



Total # of Grants Since 2000

212

Total # of Student Grants for 2020

1



Total # of Student Grants Since 2010

40

Total \$ of Grants for 2020

\$13,645



Total \$ of Grants Since 2000

\$268,590

Total # of Staff Applying for Grants in 2020

11



Total # of Staff Applying for Grants Since 2000

296

Total # of Students Who Have Benefitted in 2020

6,425



Total # of Students Who Have Benefitted Since 2000

111,412



Total \$ Raised During the 2020 The Taste

\$10,787

