





OUR MISSION

We mobilize community resources to ensure that our students have equitable opportunities to reach their brightest future.

OUR VISION

Every Beaverton student is inspired and prepared for their brightest future.

Our Impact

With the support of our donors, we partner with educators at **all 54 Beaverton schools** to engage students in different ways of learning and open their eyes to new opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

In this report, we highlight a few accomplishments from the 2023-24 school year. We share stories of how we incubated innovative ideas and grew them to serve more students and more schools in the district.

Our work builds on our past, engages students in the present, and prepares them for a brighter future.

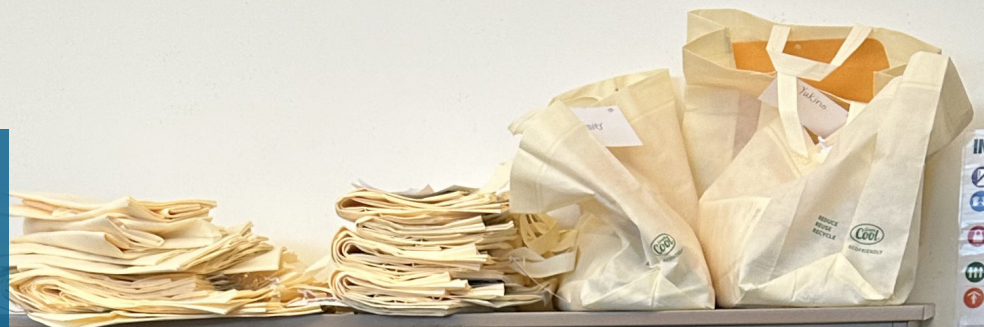
“BEF reaches across the district in a unique way. We empower students to find new paths and provide opportunities for engaged learning that lift up all Beaverton students.”

— Kimberly Ogadhoh, BEF Board Chair

New ways to meet student needs

"Camp Achieve and Summer Boost are powerful. BEF works hard to listen to the needs of Beaverton educators and is a flexible and responsive partner. They're really willing to evolve and change as our needs change."

— Robin Kobrowski, Beaverton School District's executive administrator for PK-8 Schools and former principal at Springville Elementary School



With the right support, students can stay engaged with school routines, make up lost ground, and reduce the “summer slide.” In partnership with teachers and principals, we’ve been innovating summer learning opportunities for more than a decade. Educators and parents are encouraged by the results.

More than 10 years ago, a pioneering principal came to BEF with a new approach to summer learning, and we launched **Camp Achieve**.

In an effort to reach more students, BEF next developed the **Summer Boost** program — a summer learning opportunity for nearly 2,000 additional elementary school students to participate in from home. Since launching Summer Boost in 2022, students have “shopped” for books of their own choosing, participated in incentives to encourage students and parents to read and engaged with math games and activities at home.

One teacher captures the positive feedback from staff after Summer Boost students returned to school: “My students told me they read the books in their bag all summer. I can see in the classroom they are more confident readers, and based on the assessment I gave them, they did not experience a summer slide.”

The first year of Summer Boost resulted in **86% of participating students making measurable and significant reading increases**. One quarter of Summer Boost students caught up to grade level and no longer needed additional support when they returned in the fall.

“My child read all summer – a first. Thank you so much.”

— Angela, parent at McKinley Elementary



Busy bodies, healthy habits

“We’re getting students hooked on lifelong fitness. They’re starting to do some of these sports on their own outside of school by themselves and with their families.”

— Jeff Steindorf, PE and health teacher at Mountain View Middle School

Structured play in PE classes, during recess, and after school leads to lifelong healthy habits. It provides a break from technology, increases focus, and strengthens students' social and emotional learning skills. We're ensuring that students have the equipment and opportunities they need for healthy lives.

"It's been night and day since we got the new PE equipment," says Jeff Steindorf, one of the PE and health teachers at Mountain View. This year, our **PE + Play initiative** made it possible for Mountain View Middle School students to double the number of sports activities they do in PE class. Now, they enjoy playing disc golf, pickleball, corn hole, ladder ball, volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer, and so much more.

For the past two years, BEF's PE + Play initiative refilled school gyms with basic equipment like basketballs,

soccer balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, hula hoops, and scooters. **We impacted approximately 18,500 students at 40 of our schools.**

"Now our students are more focused and involved in PE class. Sometimes middle schoolers are afraid of failure and get caught in a rut. Our new equipment exposes them to new things, and it gives them an open mind to participate and try new things," Steindorf says.

"We recognize this money could have been donated elsewhere, but please know that the looks on students' faces when they saw that they were about to experiment with dumbbells and battle ropes made it worth every penny."

— The PE / Health Team at Whitford Middle School



Hands-on learning engages and prepares students

“The problem solving, teamwork and communication skills our students learn in manufacturing are valuable to everyone, whether they pursue careers in manufacturing or other paths.”

— Anna Thames, manufacturing teacher at Westview High School with 20 years of manufacturing industry experience

When classroom work parallels real world experiences, students are inspired to learn not only technical skills, but also critical thinking and problem solving skills applicable to every aspect of their lives.

Westview High School's **manufacturing classes** illuminate the best of Beaverton's hands-on, career-connected learning opportunities. That's why BEF invested in new equipment for the school this spring — creating a unique opportunity for students to work together to learn valuable skills while supplying custom bags to BEF **Summer Boost** students.

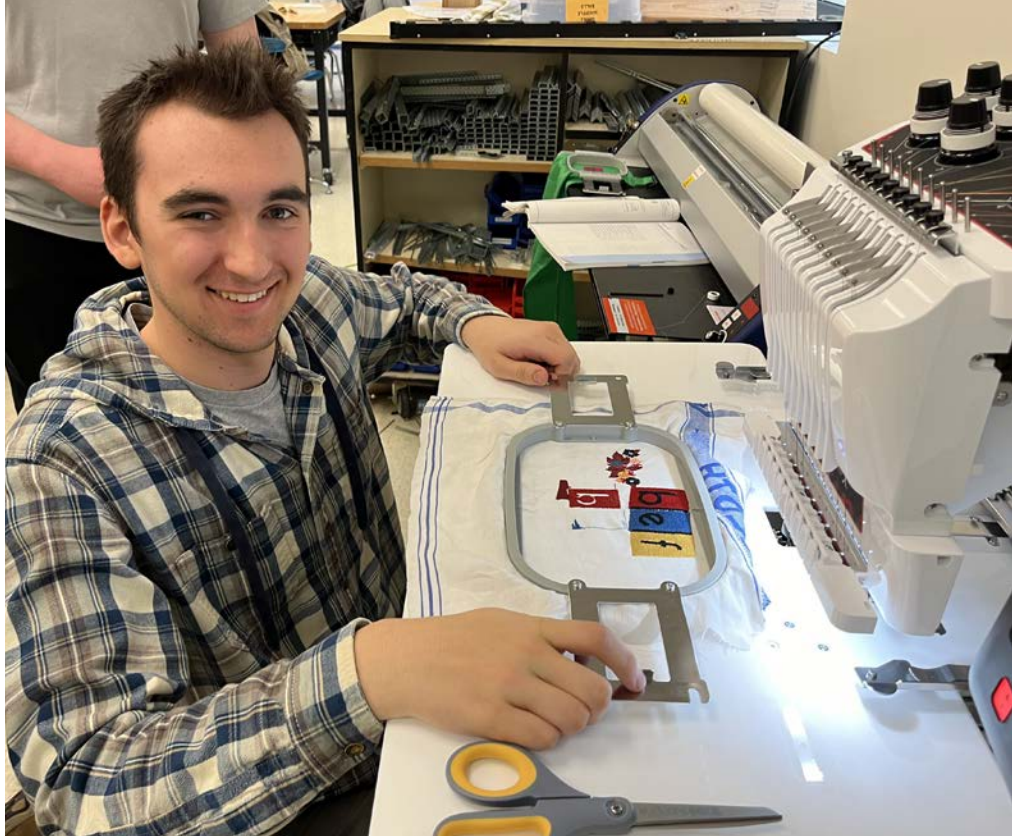
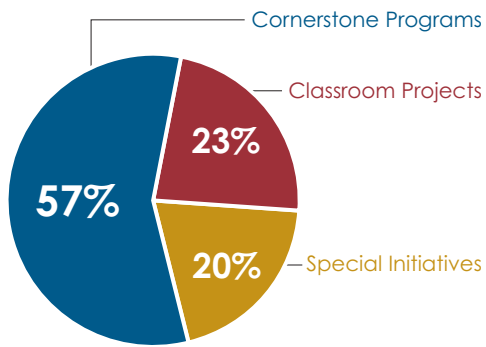
Westview students jumped right in. They created a plan for the production line, determined quality control standards and workflow, and

managed a high volume of bags on a short deadline — real world production issues that real businesses face every day.

“Whether you call it continuous learning or growth mindset, learning these life skills is important for everyone,” says Anna Thames, manufacturing teacher at Westview. “You start by saying ‘I don’t know how to do it yet.’ Then you learn how to do something, ask yourself how you can do it better, test it, and begin the cycle again. Students learn so much in this process.”

“When my classmates and I worked together to make the Summer Boost bags, it wasn’t just about my generation learning how to do something. It’s about the next generations who need more educational opportunities. We’re contributing to a bigger aspect of the community.”

— Aayan, Westview High School senior who took on a leadership role in his manufacturing class as they created the Summer Boost bags



Cornerstone Programs

Total Funded: \$266,597
(57% of total funds invested)

- After School Academic Success Programs
- Band Together / Art + Music
- Building STEAM 4 All
- Career Connected Learning & Innovation
- Literacy / Language
- Summer Learning

Classroom Projects

Total Funded: \$109,235
(23% of total funds invested)

- Beaverton's Choice

Special Initiatives

Total Funded: \$94,034
(20% of total funds invested)

- PE + Play
- School Nurse Health Resources
- Aloha High School Special Education Initiative
- Safe Routes to School



Art and Music
program investments at
27 schools



13,114 students
participated
in BEF-funded STEAM
related learning



BEF PE + Play investments energized all
17,000 elementary students



Reading
programs
at 25 schools



\$85,650
Career-related
investments

2023-24 HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to the **2,712** individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations who financially supported BEF and made it possible for us to invest **\$470,866** in Beaverton schools.

32,353+

students connected with BEF through
HANDS-ON LEARNING

151

total projects & programs funded
WITH AT LEAST 2 PER SCHOOL

100%

of BSD's 54 schools participated in
BEF FUNDED INITIATIVES

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