

## Empowering Our Students with the Tools to Achieve Success

2022-23 Impact Report



## SERVING ALL STUDENTS

Beaverton Education Foundation believes that strong schools are at the heart of a vibrant Beaverton community, and for 35 years and counting — we've laid a foundation for students' brighter futures. By working in partnership with Beaverton School District staff and educators and across schools and neighborhoods, we reach tens of thousands of students each and every year. We empower them with the skills and resources necessary to achieve lasting success. Our programs reach Beaverton students, regardless of barriers to educational success, ensuring all students have opportunities to learn, thrive and reach their highest potential.

We respond to the most timely and pressing needs, often this means reading, writing and STEAM — science, technology, engineering, art and math. Sometimes it means supporting distance learning and helping students re-engage with peers and school. Again and again, no matter what the subject, we empowered educators to innovate in their classrooms.





#### OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

Education Community Connection Innovation

#### OUR INVESTMENT

Beaverton Education Foundation has invested **\$5.66 million in programs and projects** at Beaverton's schools since its inception in 1988.

#### Classroom Projects | 24%

#### Total Funded: \$1,347,917

- Beaverton's Choice 2016-2023
- Classroom Innovation 2007-2016
- Mini Grants 1990-2007



#### Special Initiatives | 8% Total Funded: \$439,815

- Back to School
- Future Bus
- Hybrid Response
- PE + Play
- Request for Innovation
- School Nurse Health Resources

#### Cornerstone Programs | 68% Total Funded: \$3,874,774

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

### OUR IMPACT

In 2022-23, we continued to: fill in funding gaps, address inequities across schools, respond to teachers' needs that were unmet by other sources and help take ideas to scale from individual schools to multi-school implementation.

This year, that looked like additional instruction and learning materials for struggling and reluctant readers at all levels – hundreds of books in multiple languages, 19,000 books for 2,000 students to read at home this summer and 4,300 books to expand school and classroom libraries – all helped cultivate students' love for reading. With robust tool kits for school nurses and equipment for PE classes, students are living healthier lives. After school academic support for elementary, middle and high school helped students develop foundational skills in reading, writing and math while rebuilding positive social connections. Band camp for middle schoolers,

robots for learning code and new opportunities for career connected learning in the trades encouraged students to dig deeper into their interests and try new things. We hone in on programs that are more than the sum of the materials involved — students in BEF-supported programs master critical skills and open their minds to new opportunities and paths in life. New materials are part of it, but thanks to our partnerships with Beaverton educators and by working in numerous schools, we amplify ideas to reach tens of thousands of students every year.

In this report, we're proud to share with you highlights of the impact BEF had in the 2022-23 academic year inspiring and preparing Beaverton students for their brightest futures. We continue to make progress on our goal to support educational opportunities for all 39,000 students at Beaverton School District's 54 schools. Thank you to all our partners students, educators, families, donors and community members — we couldn't do it without you.

"BEF spreads out across the district and has a process to make sure the funds are going to good use in an equitable and fair way."

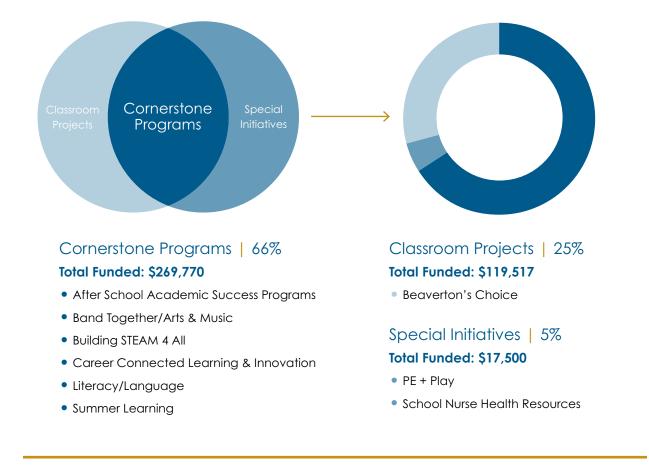
> --- Robin and Len Case, longtime BEF donors and retired district educators

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMICS

"It's incredibly beneficial to have older students sit with younger readers and listen. Some of our struggling readers don't have opportunities to read to someone at home, and it helps inspire them to read more."

- Jill Putzek, Montclair Elementary educator who pairs older and younger students together as a key part of a BEF-funded after school reading program

Each academic year, BEF funds classroom projects, after school and summer programming and special initiatives throughout the district's 54 schools.



BEF invested \$406,787 in programs + projects during the 2022-23 academic year.

## 23,376

books and literacy materials provided through Summer Boost and more than 15 more programs and projects including the William Walker Elementary book fair and multilingual libraries at Stoller and Meadow Park middle schools 486

district employee partners facilitating innovation and program implementation



"It's helped me learn to go with the flow in life. Now I know it's okay to make mistakes. I can carry that with me for the rest of my life."

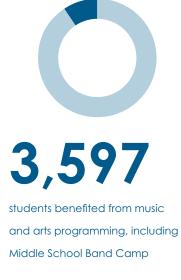
- Brynly, Beaverton High School sophomore, on her biggest takeaway from the BEF-funded Bigger Than Hip Hop program

## 153

programs and classroom projects funded by BEF during the 2022-23 academic year

## \$406,787

invested in student-engaged projects throughout the Beaverton school district





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9,382 students engaged in career

exploration-related programs

"This [trades exploration program] made me see myself in some work fields that I never imagined, and I ended up loving it. I discovered multiple things that I like and can look forward to doing in the future."

- Ava, seventh grade student, Five Oaks Middle School





of Beaverton's 39,000 students participated in a BEF-funded program or classroom project in the 2022-23 academic year

74%

of Beaverton School District students directly participated in a BEF-funded program or project

## 100%

Beaverton public schools reached by BEF-funded programs and classroom projects "Watch Me Fly allows me to ask as many questions as I'd like, so I can get the specific help I need to prepare for a test. I feel less stressed and my grades are better now."

 Zach, a Westview senior who benefited from the BEF-funded Watch Me Fly after school tutoring program

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#### SUMMER LEARNING

"I loved playing math games with my mom and younger brother. And, I even learned how to find my own books at the library, because I've been reading on my own all the time!"

— Summer Boost participant



"Summer Boost allows us to place high interest, just-right books in the hands of our striving readers. Because they are books the students chose, they are more likely to read them. Our data from last summer shows that many students who needed a reading intervention in the spring no longer needed it in the fall."

 Christina Batsell, principal at Terra Linda Elementary School, a Summer Boost site

## CORNERSTONE PROGRAMS + SPECIAL PROJECTS

Contributions to BEF fuel classroom innovation that helps students thrive – empowering our youth with the skills to achieve success. The breadth of our programs and projects range from art and music and after school enrichment, to STEAM and career and technical education, to literacy and summer learning, and more. Here are some highlights from 2022-23: books, math games and other supplies that will encourage their love of reading and math. Families also received information about why daily reading is important and how to engage their children in the reading and math activities. To build community and excitement, Summer Boost begins and ends with celebrations, and a mid-summer event helps educators and students connect in person.

#### Summer Learning: It's in the Bag

Building on BEF's decade-long tradition of supporting the best strategies that combat the summer slide for Beaverton's elementary school students, BEF invested again in **Summer Boost.** The educator-driven program, first piloted in 2022 at five schools with 400 students, expanded in summer 2023 to 13 schools with 2,000 students.

Before summer break, students "shopped" for free books that have been pre-selected by reading specialists to be good fit, high interest books for all levels. They filled a bag with

"Our partnership with BEF has made it possible for us to provide unified and consistent STEAM experiences for all students. BEF's support goes beyond one school or age level, it enhances student experiences throughout the entire district."

> Dawn Guildner, BSD instructional innovation teacher on special assignment

#### Traveling Tech: Sharing Innovative Resources Across the District

The dynamic, expanding **Innovation Library** ensures the most students possible engage with expensive technology that helps them learn about STEAM — science, technology, engineering, art and math. Using a costeffective system to share devices across all For a complete list of BEF's current programs and projects, visit beavertonEDfoundation.org/impact

schools in the district, schools borrow learning devices, like four different kinds of robots that are accessible regardless of reading level or ability. Over the course of the month-long loan, students learn technology concepts in a hands-on tactile environment and away from the screen in related lessons. It's the latest example of the positive impact of **BEF's STEAM 4 All** collaboration that first began with the district more than a decade ago.

#### Getting Geared Up for PE

Each year as PE supplies dwindle, fewer Beaverton students have engaging PE experiences — resulting in missed learning outcomes, decreased overall wellness and inconsistent opportunities across schools. BEF is partnering with the Nike Community Impact Fund, the Beaverton School District and community donors to fill these gaps through the Geared Up for PE campaign, part of **BEF's PE + Play Initiative.** A new grant from the Juan Young Trust will help grow these efforts.

BEF is revitalizing and refreshing the equipment at every elementary school so all our students have the same robust PE experience and consistent opportunities for skill building and motor development no matter if their school is new or old or has a history of extra funding. *Geared Up for PE* provides equipment for all middle schools. Bringing more play and movement into the school day, but also supporting k-8 students' health, well-being and academic success.



"The simplicity of Sphero indi robots transcends gaps in both age and ability, including our English Language Learners. Today everyone is able to be a part of this experience at their level."

 Marjorie Downing, Rock Creek Elementary's technology instructor, whose students discovered ways color-coded tiles can be manipulated to make the robots move

#### PE + PLAY

"Simple exercise equipment can be used in so many ways to positively impact students far beyond their time in the gym."

– Celia Whitehead, elementary PE teacher

#### OUR DONORS

"We saw how BEF makes projects happen, really enriching our students' education and engaging kids with hands-on learning. BEF helps fill some of the gaps in the district budget. BEF engages people beyond their own local school in a way that makes it better for all of us, and levels the playing field to make the whole community stronger."

 Karen Cunningham, long-time public education advocate and BEF donor, along with her husband Ward

## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR COMMUNITY

BEF's donors make ideas come to life for Beaverton's students and educators. From individual donors to corporate partners, we are grateful for each and every one of our donors' generosity. Their motivations may vary, but their commitment remains steadfast and the gratitude from students and educators is palpable.

"BEF has been one of our foundation partners since we opened our first store, and it's been such an incredible partner. Equity is a core value of both New Seasons and BEF, which makes for a strong partnership. We support foundations rather than individual schools to ensure we reach as many public school children as possible. We trust that BEF will distribute funds in an equitable way amongst all Beaverton schools and students."

 Jennifer Gregorich, New Seasons Market's' community investment program supervisor

"We couldn't have pulled this off without our generous community. Thank you for supporting our dreams and helping each child buy a book at our book fair."

 Rosanne C. Freer, academic coach at William Walker Elementary School "BEF makes it easy for families to honor us, and it means so much to me that the families are also supporting BEF. Both as a teacher and a parent of two Beaverton students, I see firsthand how BEF steps in to help fill in gaps where district funding is short."

 Kristen Gustafson, district educator for more than 20 years and a recipient of BEF teacher appreciation gifts

"We chose to establish our endowed memorial fund at BEF because we've seen BEF make a tangible, positive impact keeping kids in school and helping their families engage in their children's learning."

 Ron Tubby, BEF donor and former board member, whose family started the Anne Kelly Ofstun Tubby Fund at BEF in honor of his late wife

#### 2022-23 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Beaverton Education Foundation thanks the following organizations for their generosity and invites you to join our growing network of local businesses and business leaders who support quality public education.

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\*July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

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- Beaverton's Choice campaigns
- Payroll deduction contributions
- Matching gifts through employers

- Corporate donations
- Donor Advised Fund gifts
- Bequests and memorial gifts
- Teacher Appreciation Gifts in the winter and spring
- Building Blocks Monthly Donations

#### ANSWER THE CALL ANNUAL PHONE-A-THON

"BEF helped pay for virtual labs when we had online chemistry class last year. The discussion that went along with the virtual labs helped me uncover the areas I didn't understand and answered questions I was afraid to ask."

 Stephanie, Beaverton Academy of Engineering (BASE) student and volunteer phone-a-thon caller



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## BEAVERTON'S CHOICE

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"It's so positive to read about where BEF's money goes — how teachers are helping kids be successful and how kids are benefiting from it."

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