

# Students soar because of teachers...

And you can help BPS teachers bring innovative ideas to life in and out of the classroom.



## Dear Friends of Birmingham Public Schools,

The Birmingham Education Foundation is proud to support our award-winning BPS teachers to help bring their innovative ideas to life. **We award teacher grants for projects and initiatives that enhance and extend learning by offering new ways to engage and motivate our children, but we can't do this without your help!**



### Give each and every BPS student an edge.

When a teacher has a great idea he or she thinks will resonate and inspire students, but falls outside of regular budget parameters, the Birmingham Education Foundation can step in to provide the necessary funding. **Donating to our Annual Fund is an opportunity to directly impact the programs that will enrich the educational lives of every child in the district** and help them prepare for the increasingly complex life and work environments in the 21st century.

### Support the organization that teachers support!

The Birmingham Education Foundation is only able to help our teachers with the support of families and community members like you. Schools are being asked to do more with less and your support allows us to provide funding for supplemental projects and activities that may otherwise be unattainable. **Your tax-deductible donation will help deliver creativity and innovation to our classrooms.**

### Make a difference in our community today.

A gift of *any* size will make a difference and an impact in our schools. **Complete and mail the form below or visit SupportBEF.org to give online today.**

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Patrick Liebler  
Birmingham Education Foundation  
President, Board of Directors

Alison Hendry  
Birmingham Education Foundation  
Executive Director

Questions? Please call 248-203-3030 or visit SupportBEF.org to learn more!

**GIVE TODAY! Your donation will make a direct impact in a BPS classroom!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 I would like to volunteer       I will apply for an Employer Matching Gift  
 Check Enclosed (*Made payable to Birmingham Education Foundation*)  
 Charge my credit card (*please turn over this card to fill out credit card information or donate online at SupportBEF.org*)  
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*Contributions of any size are welcome:*

- \$35 – \$125      *Donor*
- \$126 – \$250      *Supporter*
- \$251 – \$500      *Advocate*
- \$501 – \$1,000      *Champion*
- \$1,001 – \$2,500      *Partner*
- \$2,501 +      *Faculty Circle*

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donate online at SupportBEF.org



100% of the teachers at 10 out of 13 BPS schools donate to the Birmingham Education Foundation via a voluntary payroll deduction.

*Shouldn't you?*

# How does your gift make a difference?

Here's what the BPS teachers and administrators have to say:



## Dan Nerad, BPS Superintendent

"The BEF is a remarkable partner with our school district. The Foundation's funding provides wonderful additional learning opportunities for our students. I cannot thank this great organization enough for all they do for our kids and staff."



## Doug Baltz, Seaholm High School

"Innovate, Motivate, Create! These are the three words that come to mind when the Birmingham Education Foundation supports programs which engage and develop opportunities for BPS students. The success of numerous K-12 STEAM activities, such as Super STEM Saturdays and Maker Space programs, would not have been possible without the unwavering support from the BEF."



Select list of significant grants awarded during the 2016-17 school year:



Super STEM Saturday Program  
*Districtwide*

Makerspaces  
*Five BPS schools with more planned for 2017-18*

Art for the Sky Program  
*Pembroke Elementary*

Next Generation Science eBooks  
*West Maple Elementary*

Challenge Day Experience  
*Berkshire Middle School*

ASD Community Based Instruction Field Trip to Play-Place for Autistic Children  
*Derby Middle School*

Destination Imagination  
*BCS*

VEX Robot Kits  
*Groves High School*

MINDS (Mental Illness Needs Discussion) Program  
*Groves & Seaholm High Schools*

**Thank you for your support!**

**Please give today! We need to receive your gift to the BEF Annual Fund before December 31 to ensure that you are listed in our Honor Roll of Donors published in January.**

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