



***“Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques.
The teacher is the heart of the educational system.”
– Sidney Hook, American Philosopher***

Dear SMFCEF Supporters,

What a year! Virtual learning. Transition to hybrid schedules with partial return to campus. Teachers and families adapting along the way. We would like to thank our teachers and families who worked so hard these past 15 months to support learning from home. As we plan to welcome all of our students back to the classroom next week, please join us in showing appreciation to our teachers, staff, and administration for all that they have accomplished this past year.

Despite the pandemic, 2020-2021 has been yet another amazing year for the Education Foundation. We received funding to help return our kids to schools, installed thermal temperature thermometers and HEPA air filters, and purchased KN95 masks for staff to create a safer environment for all. In total, our schools received **\$760,000** for Music & Arts, Health, Safety & Wellness, Literacy & Library, STEM, and Staff & Student Support from Education Foundation fundraising. We are so fortunate to have so many community members, businesses, and local foundations partnering with us to make a difference in our kids' education.

As we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year, there is so much to do. While the District was fortunate to successfully maneuver at-home learning, our students missed out on so many in-person opportunities. We look forward to bringing back after-school sports, seeing the benefits of our professional development efforts (Common Core Math, TeachTown, Universal Design for Learning) and our science ToSA, adding Culturally Relevant Literature Project pilot programs, and much more. Please join us in our effort to regain what we had, while adding even more learning opportunities for all students in our District. Our goal is 100% participation of our parent, teacher, and staff communities, which will demonstrate to business partners, foundations, and non-profit organizations that their grants will fund programs that will be well-received and appreciated by the entire school community. [Donate Now!](#)

We are so excited to introduce you to our new board. As we say goodbye to several long-term board members, we are energized by our new board under the leadership of Annie Tsai. Thankfully, we continue to expand our reach and make a difference in our kids' education. Following is a recap of what we've been able to accomplish in 2020-2021.

Sincerely,

Your 2021-2022 Board Members @ San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Annual Campaign

As we all look forward to heading back into the classrooms, we want to ensure that all of our students have what they need to succeed. In addition to getting back to where we were in early 2020, we want to be able to add more programs, technology, and learning experiences for our kids. Please donate to our Annual campaign! **SMFCEF asks families to consider a tax-deductible donation of \$250.** Any donation amount will help this important effort. [Donate!](#)

Fundraiser for Culturally Relevant Literature Project

Please join one of our very own educators (and parents) in raising money to provide our teachers and students with culturally relevant literature. These books have prominent, positive, and relatable characters of different races, sexuality, abilities, and cultures – ensuring ALL of our diverse population of students feel seen and represented in the stories their teachers read. All donations will go directly to purchasing books, which will then be distributed directly to teachers and their classroom libraries. In the spring of 2021, we purchased 150 books for 30 classrooms for our pilot program at Lead Elementary. We hope to expand the number of pilot programs in 2021-2022. Please consider helping us buy these important books by [donating](#) to our Culturally Relevant Literature fund.

Presentation Check to the District for \$760,000!

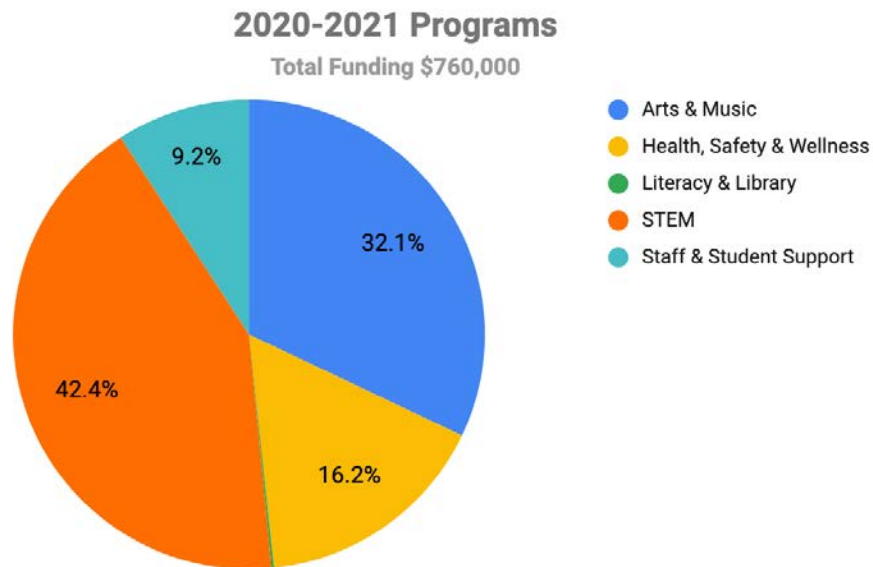
Representatives from the SMFCEF Board presented a check to Superintendent Dr. Joan Rosas for \$760,000 at the June 24th Board of Trustees Meeting.



This amount represents a year-long process of fundraising and working with our grantors and district staff to identify programs of most value to our students. In 2020-2021, we were able to provide the following to our schools:

- Thermal temperature scanners, HEPA filters & masks for staff
- Backpacks with school supplies for at-home learning
- TK-5th Grade Music Program
- New instruments & music books
- Digital Innovation Grants (Gala proceeds)
- Math professional learning for 4th/5th grade teachers
- Teacher on Special Assignment (ToSA) to support K-8 science education
- TeachTown Curriculum for special day classes
- Technology for special education staff & students

- Culturally Relevant Literature Project pilot at Lead Elementary
- Teacher grants in partnership with SMETA
- *Coming soon: Universal Design for Learning (UDL) staff development*



These programs were funded through generous donations from:

Gilead Sciences, Inc.: \$150,000 for Teacher of Special Assignment (ToSA) for year one, and \$85,922 for 35 thermal temperature scanners

Gala: \$133,000 for digital innovation, allocated pro rata among schools based on student population

Silicon Valley Community Foundation: \$49,041 for Common Core Math staff professional development and materials (2nd year of grant received in 2019)

Digital Divide Campaign: \$39,000 for technology for Special Education

Sydney Paige/Samaritan House/SMETA/Parent donations: \$30,500 for 1,568 backpacks with supplies

Adobe Employee Community Fund: \$20,000 for TeachTown curriculum and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) staff development

Woodlawn Foundation: \$20,000 for instruments for Bayside Academy middle school music program

Chance to Excel: \$12,500 for 25 flutes and 25 clarinets for 5th grade music

California Water Service: \$6,550 for HEPA filters in classrooms

Safeway Foundation: \$3,000 for music

Stephanie & Michael Moy: \$2,341 for music books, \$1,164 for music, and \$2,525 for teacher grants

County Consumer Plumbing: \$2,500 for music

Culturally Relevant Literature Project: \$1,262 for pilot program at Lead Elementary

Fundraisers/Parent donations: \$199,612 for music (includes Readathon proceeds), and \$1,083 for 1,190 KN95 masks for all school staff

** 2020-2021 does not include Athletics due to COVID-19 pandemic*

PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS



Gilead Sciences, Inc. further contributed to our multi-year Project Inspiration partnership in 2020-2021 with a \$500,000 grant to fund a Teacher on Special Assignment (ToSA) for science curriculum for three years, plus 35 thermal temperature scanners to allow our kids and staff to come back to school safely. Gilead continues to be our most charitable partner with multiple grants since 2018 to support TK-8 science education in the San Mateo-Foster City School District. Total giving has reached \$827,000, with generous donations funding these programs in past years:

2019-2020: Support of additional Twig Curriculum Kits, student notebooks, and professional development for new science curriculum (\$150,000) *and* Closing the Digital Divide (\$100,000).

2018-2019: Science lab glassware, digital thermometers, vacuum pump/bell jar kits and Chromebooks - two grants totaling \$77,000.



Silicon Valley Community Foundation awarded us a \$100,000 grant in September 2019 to support Common Core Mathematics and Literacy, specifically for focused professional learning for 4th and 5th grade teachers and additional enrichment materials for hands-on instruction. Teacher professional development started in early 2020. In fall 2020, it shifted to a remote professional learning model reaching three times the number of teachers and impacting the education of the 700 students in their classrooms. The final phase of this project will focus on middle school math professional development.

The **Adobe Employee Community Fund** awarded us a \$20,000 grant for 2021-2022 with a focus on improving the educational outcomes for our District's Special Education students by addressing both student curriculum needs and staff training. The target population for the grant is the 1,100+ special education students and over 90 staff members at all 21 school sites. All district students and staff will benefit from the curriculum and training as the educators will be better prepared to serve the needs of all special education and general education students in the classrooms as the District moves toward inclusive classroom instruction. Specifically, this grant will fund TeamTown Basics curriculum and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) staff development for one year. Thank you for supporting our special education program!



Woodlawn Foundation returns as a partner with the EF with this year's donation of \$20,000 to fund 22 instruments for Bayside Academy's Middle School music program. The 12 string instruments include $\frac{3}{4}$ size instruments to better fit growing middle schoolers. These instruments and the 10 band instruments increase the breadth of offerings for students to inspire them as they grow in talent, interest, and drive in their musical education.

Chance to Excel Foundation has partnered with the Education Foundation to deliver Art in Action to Lead Elementary for the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school years. They teamed up with us for middle school sports, purchasing uniforms and sponsoring training sessions for coaches, parents, and athletes at our Sports Nights. This year's donation of \$12,500 purchased 25 flutes and 25 clarinets for 5th grade music. To date, they have donated over \$37,500 to support our kids!



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California Water Service is a new funder this year, granting the Education Foundation \$6,550 to cover the cost of HEPA filters in the classrooms so that staff and students could feel safe returning to school. We are so thankful that Cal Water contributed to our effort to return kids to the classroom.

Safeway Foundation is another new funder this year, granting the Education Foundation \$3,000 with the reopening of their Foster City store. We are so thankful to our community sponsors!



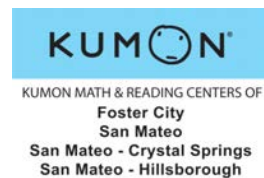
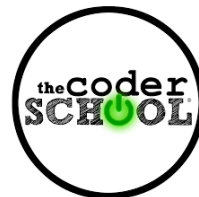
Stephanie & Michael Moy

Stephanie and Michael Moy have graciously donated stock to the Education Foundation for the past 4 years worth over \$30,000, allowing us to purchase new clarinets and flutes, choral and instrumental music books, and desktop music stands piloted at our Title 1 schools. Their donations have also funded the TK-5 music program and our first two years of teacher grants for individual and team classroom projects. We are so thankful for their continued support of the Education Foundation.

\$2,525 Funded Teacher Grants in 2021-22!

Since 2019-2020, SMFCEF has partnered with SMETA's Member Grant Program to fund teacher grants. This past year, we granted \$2,525 for team and individual classroom projects. Teachers, please submit your grant proposals via SMETA's Member Grant Program.

We would also like to thank our annual sponsors who continue to grow with us in support of our kids!



A special thanks to the FOSTER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for facilitating our expanding group of partners in Foster City and San Mateo County!

OUR EVENTS

Moonlight Masquerade

Join us for our 2nd virtual gala event to support grants to each and every school!

When: Friday, October 22, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Wherever you are!



Save the date for our 2nd annual gala, **Moonlight Masquerade!** With the huge success of our first gala, **Lights, Camera, Virtual Auction!**, which raised \$133,000 for digital innovation for our schools, our goal for 2021 is \$220,000. Please join us for a night full of fun, friends, and competitive bidding!

Many thanks to Board Trustee Shara Watkins and EF Vice President Marianne Wallace for spearheading our annual event. If you have connections to a business or service that might be interested in donating to the event, please contact either [Shara](#) or [Marianne](#) via email.

Join us for a LIVE auction and fun games. For more details, visit our [Gala website](#).

Readathon - Continued Success *Reading Together!*

Thank you to all of our elementary school students, parents, and teachers who participated in our 5th annual Readathon fundraiser, which was virtual this past year. **Reading Together** raised over \$100,000 for our students! This was truly a wonderful event that proved our community's ability to attain exceptional goals, even during a pandemic - together we can accomplish so much!

Special thanks go to former board member, Liz Yeager, for creating such a fun and successful event. We are looking forward to returning to an in-person Readathon event in 2022. Our 6th annual Readathon is tentatively scheduled for January 22 - February 5, 2022. If you would like to help with the Readathon, please [volunteer](#).



Run2FunD Education - What's Next?



We hope to launch our first ever 5k run in May 2022. We will start planning for this event in early 2022 in partnership with *A Runner's Mind* to determine location and logistics. If you are interested in helping with the event, please [volunteer](#). Please stay tuned for updates as we get closer to the date.

COME LEARN ABOUT SMFCEF!

Our Board and Committees

Please consider volunteering some of your time as a gift to the kids who make up our community.

We are a volunteer board of parents and community members, and we are always looking for other creative, knowledgeable, and dedicated parents and community members to help us! If you're interested in helping with a fundraiser, working on a committee, being a school liaison, sharing your expertise (grant writing, social media, marketing), and/or becoming a board member, please contact us at director@smfcedfund.org.



*From left to right: Bob Hardy, Diane Shew, Marianne Wallace, Marilyn Kaplan, Kim Crellin, Colleen Sullivan, Kelley Salomaa, Sonja Tappan
Not pictured: Christina Ogburn-Chow, Molly Reidy, Annie Tsai, Sajitha Vinod*

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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