

# How does the Bellevue Schools Foundation make a difference?



## Highland Middle School

### Students at schools across the district benefit in 2010-11 from these programs

#### **AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination: \$ 40,000**

Students with the will and potential to succeed receive study skills coaching and encouragement through AVID, a nationally-recognized program offered at every middle and high school. In addition, AVID study skills will be taught to 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in English, Social Studies and Science classes.

#### **Bridging the Achievement Gap: \$ 250,000**

Students who struggle benefit from school-based support programs, particularly those at schools with high rates of poverty and non-English speakers. This year, ten schools are providing enriched educational support ranging from early literacy intervention for Kindergarteners to an innovative summer program for at-risk middle school students.

- **Highland receives \$ 12,000 for Starting Strong:** helps transition academically "at risk" students into middle school. Selected incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders received intensive academic support, study skills instruction, and participated in community-building activities during one week in August.

#### **Enrichment & Innovation Grants: \$ 50,000**

Enrichment & Innovation Grants fund enriching activities and innovative learning opportunities to Bellevue students. This year, through this competitive grant program:

- **Highland received a grant of \$1,000** for a civic education tour for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- **Highland received a grant of \$216** for a sensory-friendly film for students with severe and profound special needs
- **Highland received a shared grant of \$1,750** to bring "Red Scarf Girl" author, Ji-Li-Jiang, to discuss her experiences during China's Cultural Revolution with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students
- **Highland received a shared grant of \$1,200** to help struggling readers and enhance student understanding of Social Studies concepts through engaging reading activities
- **Highland received a shared grant of \$1,200** for a Taproot Theater performance of "Don't tell Jessica" and follow-up classroom discussions.

#### **Music Grants: \$ 15,000**

Students benefit from grants to teachers that support music programs in Bellevue schools.

- **Highland received a grant of \$1,000** to enrich instruction for band and orchestra students through music clinics, private lessons, and musical performances.

#### **Differentiated Learning Initiative: \$ 100,000**

BSD is committed to putting **all students** on the path to college. Superintendent Cudeiro is leading the **Differentiated Learning Initiative** to develop a targeted learning environment, modeled after measurable successes at other US school districts. This instruction will challenge high performing students, help struggling students meet academic standards, and engage students at every level to realize their full potential.

***More programs on the other side!***

## **VIBES – Volunteers in Bellevue’s Education System: \$ 95,000**

Trained, caring volunteer mentors and tutors work with students to improve their academic and social skills for school success. VIBES will place over 400 volunteers in schools this year. BSF funds recruitment, training, and tracking outcomes.

- **Highland has 43 VIBES mentors** working with students one-on one and in classrooms
- **64 VIBES mentors of color lead Highland students** participating in groups for Latina girls, African American boys, and African American girls

## **National Board Certification: \$ 12,000**

Studies show that students of National Board Certified (NBC) teachers score 7 to 15% higher on tests than other students. Over the last five years, BSF has invested over \$600,000 to support Bellevue teachers pursuing NBC, who have achieved a success rate of over twice the national average.

- **Highland has 10 NBCTs** on staff

## **Curriculum & Technology: \$ 30,000**

All Bellevue students will be ready for college success, thanks to a multi-year grant funded by the Gates Foundation. Students in every grade, at every school, benefit from improvements in how we teach math, science, social studies, history, language arts, and world languages.

## **AP Project-Based Learning: \$ 155,000**

Advanced Placement (AP) students benefit from more hands-on learning to deepen their understanding and mastery. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding from the George Lucas Educational Foundation through BSF to develop a new approach to AP instruction. **Sammamish and Interlake High Schools** are piloting the new AP U.S. Government and Politics and AP Environmental Science courses.

## **i3 Grant for Re-imagining Career & College Readiness: STEM, Rigor, and Equity**

BSF helped Sammamish High School and the Bellevue School District secure \$1.1 million in private-sector matching funds to win the \$4.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Work will strengthen STEM instruction district-wide in **Bellevue’s secondary schools**.

## **New Teacher Grants: \$ 3,000**

First-time teachers receive \$200 grants to help them set up a cheerful, engaging classroom.

## **Community Engagement: \$ 15,000**

Parents and District leaders come together to listen and learn from each other through special forums such as the Education Showcase (formerly Education Road Show) and BSF’s Coffee and Learn series.

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### **Did you know?**

BSF is an independent, nonprofit organization. We raise funds from our community to support an excellent education for Bellevue students. Since 1979, BSF has raised over \$19M to invest in Bellevue public schools.

BSF funds programs in four areas:

- Academic Rigor
- Student Support
- Teaching Excellence
- Community Engagement

**This year, BSF will grant \$ 865,000 to help Bellevue students thrive.**

**A gift to BSF helps students in every school, every classroom – every day.**