

A Message from the President





Dear Friends.

Working together, individuals can do amazing things. I am so excited for this opportunity to share with you an overview of the past year's accomplishments made possible by continued community support. At the Olathe Public Schools Foundation our successes are more than numbers – each story is a student supported, an innovative idea put in action or a teacher recognized for excellence.

We are fortunate to have amazing teachers doing wonderful things in their classrooms. Students and teachers depend on us for support – making sure they have what they need to be in school, ready to learn. Sometimes it's addressing a problem outside of school that is making it difficult to focus, or sometimes it's helping a student take advantage of an opportunity that might otherwise be outside their reach due to their family's financial situation.

This past year we continued our commitment to the whole student with increased support of programs to address student mental health. We know that while academics, grades and test scores will always be important, the emotional well-being of each individual student is of the utmost importance.

Every year we see student need increase, but gratefully community support continues to be there to help us meet those needs. I encourage you to continue to be an active supporter of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. Consider a contribution to the area of greatest need or to a specific fund that you feel touched by. Our students are counting on all of us!

Thank you!

Mark McGavran **OPSF Board of Directors** President, 2017-18

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The Olathe Public Schools Foundation Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2018

Assets

Checking Account	\$12,379
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Money Market Account	\$31,415
Money Market Restricted Funds	\$243,577
Investments	. \$2,918,060
Other Assets	\$13,607
Total Assets	. \$3,291,599

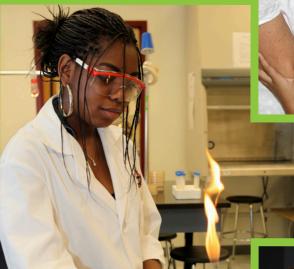
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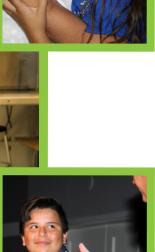
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Net Assets

Unrestricted Endowment	. \$1,327,497
Temporarily Restricted	. \$2,021,515
Increase in Unrestricted Assets	\$120.743

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$3,291,599







Bringing Awareness and Support to Mental Health

Early Support Makes a Difference

Early mental health support can help a child before mental health problems begin to interfere with their development.

Over the past three years the Olathe Public Schools Foundation has worked with the Olathe Public Schools to financially support programs that address students' mental health needs. Partnering with the OPSF, the district piloted a program that embedded mental health therapists at two of the five Olathe high schools. This seed of support has allowed the district to find additional partners for the remaining three high schools.



Additionally, with the support of the OPSF, the district has implemented a successful mental health parent speaker and support series, added free summer mental health therapy sessions, and added programs focusing on social and emotional learning and suicide prevention.

In 2018-19, the OPSF will continue to support the mental health therapists in the schools, as well as provide new funding for staff training in traumainformed care and for emergency mental health assessments for students.

Braden Robertson Fund

This year the parents of Braden Robertson, an Olathe West High School student who passed away last fall, launched a fund that will provide up to six visits with a mental health therapist for any student who is underinsured or who cannot access their own benefits in a timely manner.















Student Care

Wimmer Student Care Fund Sometimes it's a

small thing like a broken window that's letting in cold air. Or sometimes it's big, like being displaced by a fire with nowhere to live. The fact is: problems at home can make it hard for students to learn at school. The Wimmer Student Care Fund helps meet the need when families of our most vulnerable students face financial hardships. Established as a tribute to former superintendent Dr. Ron Wimmer, the fund allows the current superintendent flexibility to direct these non-taxpayer funds to families within 24 hours.

Nearly \$30,000 granted through the Student Care Fund in 2017-18



UST DO IT

Backpacks For a growing number of students, providing basic school supplies is a financial hardship. Students, families and teachers count on community support to ensure students have what they need to arrive at school read to learn on the first day of school and throughout the year.

This program wouldn't be possible without individual and corporate support. This year, OPSF supporters volunteered hundreds of hours to stuff 2,200 backpacks with school supplies donated by the community and purchased with donor support.

A.L.L. Fund Students who start their college transcripts while still in high school are more likely to attend college upon graduation, be successful at college, and graduate from college. As part of Olathe's rigorous AVID curriculum, students are encouraged to take the ACT test and enroll in AP-level courses or College Now classes, which allow them to earn college credit while still in high school.

These fee-based options are challenging for students who come from families that struggle financially. With your support, the A.L.L. (AVID Lifetime Learners) Fund last year provided \$28,000 in scholarships and test fee stipends - giving these students a hand-up towards a better future.

To support these student care programs, visit our website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.



Dr. B's Musical Instrument Program

For many students, their dream of playing a musical instrument is hindered by the financial cost of buying or renting an instrument. Because every student who wants to play should have that opportunity, the Olathe Public Schools Foundation launched Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund in 2017.

This fund helps purchase new and used instruments and to renovate donated instruments, with a goal of maintaining a consistent inventory of musical instruments available for loan to Olathe students.

Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund was named in honor of Dr. Alison Banikowski, on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years with the Olathe Public Schools. The fund was launched with a \$10,000 grant from the OPSF Women's Giving Circle.

Student Health Emergency Fund

The Student Health Emergency Fund, supervised by district nurses, provides immediate medical needs to the district's most vulnerable students.

Last year this fund supported Olathe students with \$11,049 in emergency medical needs including hearing aids, inhalers, orthopedic shoes and insulin.

This fund impacts the lives of youth in Olathe and eases the burden felt by their families who struggle to meet a household budget, but cannot afford to go without their child's medical necessities.





Recognizing Excellence

Educator Excellence & CEERA Awards

The Olathe School District is fortunate to have thousands of outstanding educators and support staffers. The Educator Excellence and Classified Employee Excellence Awards are just two ways the Olathe Public Schools Foundation recognizes the individuals behind that excellence.

These valuable team members are nominated by their colleagues, students, parents and community members for their excellence in meeting the needs of students in the classroom and for their work supporting our outstanding education system.

Every month, the OPSF Surprise Squad makes the day of two educators and two support staffers with a surprise presentation. School staff, students, family and community members come together to present the unsuspecting recipient with kind words - and a check for \$500. Special thanks to Mainstreet Credit Union, sponsor of the Educator Excellence Award.







Classroom Grants

Every year Olathe teachers apply for OPSF grants to help address classroom needs and implement innovative programs. Their ideas pave the way for an even better learning experience for students. Supporting the OPSF helps fund classroom and building grants, which support teachers and students in a wide range of learning opportunities such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) manipulatives, author visits, purposeful play materials, equipment to measure the intensity of light, field trips and other activities. View a complete list of grants funded during the 2017-18 school year at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.

\$126,522 awarded in 2017-18











meeting the need

Scholarships

This year the Olathe Public Schools Foundation helped 100 Olathe students realize their dream of attending college with the disbursement of \$126,000 in scholarships.

With an endowment surpassing the \$2.9 million mark, the Olathe Public Schools Foundation provides oversight and management of 49 scholarship funds. Scholarships include debate and forensics, children of veterans, visual artists, and students going to school to become educators. For a list of our scholarship opportunities, visit the OPSF website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.





Women's Giving Circle Great things happen when caring women gather

Twice last year, more than 150 women individually gave \$100, which became a total of \$35,000 awarded to four projects benefitting Olathe students.

In October the group awarded a \$10,000 grant to help establish Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund, which provides musical instruments for students in need. Because of increased participation in the Women's Giving Circle, the group also awarded a \$5,000 matching grant to provide improved theater lighting at all Olathe middle schools and a \$5,000 grant to create a calming room at Santa Fe Trail Middle School.

During the spring gathering in March, the group voted to award a \$15,000 grant to fund a collaborative project between Northview and Briarwood Elementaries. The grant will provide 6 tower gardens for each school to grow fruits and vegetables indoors year-round.

Women's Giving Circle gatherings are held twice each year. Membership in the Women's Giving Circle is \$100 per cycle, with Sustaining Members making the ongoing commitment of \$200 a year.

The Olathe Women's Giving Circle has awarded \$105,000 in grants to Olathe classrooms since Spring 2014.

For more information, please contact the Foundation office at (913) 780-8222.











Leader in Me



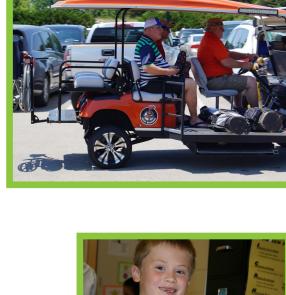
7 Habits of Happy Kids:

- 1. Be Proactive You're in Charge
- 2. Begin with the End in Mind Have a Plan
- 3. Put First Things First Work First, Then Play
- 4. Think Win-Win Everyone Can Win
- 5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood Listen Before You Talk
- 6. Synergize Together is Better
- 7. Sharpen the Saw Balance Feels Best

Surveys continue to show the importance of non-academic skills in preparing students for their future. These skills include intrapersonal skills (work ethic, perseverance and self-discipline) and interpersonal skills (communication, citizenship and teamwork). The Leader in Me program teaches students the 7 Habits of Happy Kids and embeds these habits in the culture of the school. It integrates leadership development into existing school programs and curriculum and impacts all stakeholders starting with the staff of the school, then to the students, their families, and the community at large.

Four-year \$80,000 commitment to bring the Leader in Me program to 4 additional elementary schools







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20th Annual Autumn Breakfast

Nearly 800 district supporters were asked to "put a little love in your heart" at the 20th Annual Autumn Breakfast on October 6th, Attendees heard new Olathe Superintendent John Allison's first State of the District address and celebrated the contributions of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation to the success of Olathe students and teachers. The Foundation highlighted the role of community collaboration and a key Foundation-supported program - STEM Connection.

Guests helped to raise more than \$180,000, which will directly benefit Olathe students and teachers though programs like the Student Health Emergency Fund, mental health awareness, classroom grants, access to college classes and college placement tests, and other need-based funds.

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Empowered to make a difference by contributors, the Foundation provided more than \$1.18 million last year to directly support Olathe students and staff.

New in 2017, the breakfast featured a live, online text-to-give opportunity. Guests could donate or pledge via their mobile phone and see the overall donation amount grow on-screen in real time. This new addition to the program raised more than \$10,000 for student support.

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Save the Date! June 13, 2019

23rd Annual OPSF Golf Classic



More than 270 local golfers spent a steamy day on the links in June - raising over \$129,000 to directly benefit Olathe students and teachers. The Foundation partnered with Olathe Health to present the 22nd Annual Olathe Public Schools Foundation Golf Classic to fund classroom grants and student mental health and wellness programs with the proceeds.

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The new John Deere Winning Ball contest had the teams searching the woods for their errant golf balls. Staff from the Olathe Advanced Technical Center were on hand with their handicap accessible golf cart to assist with transporting golfers and volunteers and to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thanks to the sponsors listed for underwriting the tournament so that every dollar raised will go directly into classroom grants and special programming for students.









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