



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**MEQUON - THIENSVILLE
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Cindy Anderson
President 2018-2019



Tom Price
President 2016-2018

Dear Mequon-Thiensville Parents and Neighbors,

On behalf of the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation Board, we want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity and commitment to our schools. This year, the MTEF celebrates its 20th year of supporting excellence in education in our schools. Thanks to your continued support, the MTEF has granted over \$4 million to the Mequon-Thiensville School District!

As a result of your generosity over the last year, the MTEF is awarding grants totaling \$252,966 for use in the 2018-19 school year. We encourage you to continue reading our Annual Report to see how these dollars will be put to use to advance technology, curriculum and personnel in our schools.

Supporting our schools is a team effort and we thank the MTEF Board of Directors for the expertise, time and resources they contribute to the Foundation. A special thank you to our ex-officio officers from the district, Jeridon Clark and Robin Schlei, who donate their time to the Foundation. We continue to appreciate the collaboration that exists between the MTEF Board and our school district's staff and administrators.

The Mequon-Thiensville School District is one of the most coveted school districts in Wisconsin. Our award-winning schools, outstanding enrichment programs, and strong community support make this district an exceptional environment for our children to thrive. Ongoing investment is crucial to continue the exceptional experience that we all expect for our children.

Please know that YOU can make a difference. Whether you choose to contribute financially or by volunteering your time and talents, you help ensure continued educational excellence for all students.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tom Price
President 2016-2018

Cindy Anderson
President 2018-19

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MEQUON - THIENSVILLE
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WORKING FOR
EVERY SCHOOL,
EVERY TEACHER,
EVERY STUDENT!

INVESTING IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF EXCELLENCE

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation was incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit organization committed to advancing educational excellence. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, which operates independently yet in conjunction with the Mequon-Thiensville School District and Board of Education. The Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. The MTEF benefits all six schools in the MTSD, consisting of Donges Bay Elementary School, Oriole Lane Elementary School, Wilson Elementary School, Lake Shore Middle School, Steffen Middle School, and Homestead High School.



Donges Bay Elementary School



Oriole Lane Elementary School

Photo Credit: Dan Eichmeyer

MISSION

The Mission of the MTEF is to develop community-wide private financial support for the Mequon-Thiensville School District and, through grants, to help support continued excellence in education.



Wilson Elementary School

GOALS

- To achieve a distinct, beneficial, and clearly understood role in the community.
- To collaborate with school district personnel and other school support groups to identify ways to maintain the educational excellence our children deserve.
- To seek and support creative ways to ensure the school district advances in technology, curriculum and personnel.
- To expand our parent, staff, and community donor base.



Lake Shore Middle School



Steffen Middle School

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation recognizes the challenging budget conditions within our school district and is committed to filling financial gaps to ensure continued educational excellence for ALL students. Financial support from community members like you is critical to the success of our students and schools.



Homestead High School



GRANTS SUPPORT SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY AND INVESTIGATION IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The articles that go along with the lessons are interesting and informational. I particularly liked the ones on genes and gene mutations.
– Holden, 8th grader

The MTEF was excited to contribute to the new K-8 science curriculum that rolled out during the 2017-18 school year. Thanks to generous donations and a successful Fund-A-Grant campaign specifically raising funds for science and technology, MTEF was able to grant the MTSD funds to update their K-8 science courses, purchase computers for student learning, and provide personnel training related to the new curriculum.

Middle school students quickly adjusted to the new curriculum and enjoy what the new curriculum, STEMscopes, adds to their science classes. Lauren, a Lake Shore 7th grader, commented that “each unit has something for all types of learners. I like that there are articles, videos and hands-on experiments for each lesson so that we can really learn a lot about each topic.”

Allison Rudich, Lake Shore Principal, shared that “STEMscopes engages students differently and prepares them for how they will be learning as they get older.” She enjoyed the variety of science topics that students were challenged with throughout the year and felt that students really enjoyed the labs that went along with each lesson.

Teachers love the blending of technology with hands-on activities and feel that they can dive deeper into various topics than allowed by previous curricula. Middle school teachers shared the following comments about the new science curriculum:

“The new curriculum is much more rigorous and engaging for the students”

“Students have had much more in depth experiences”

“The curriculum challenges them to think differently than they have in the past,” and

“The blending of technology with the hands-on learning has provided more real life experiences”

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS



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It is important to recognize the major impact that strong teachers have on students. The annual MTEF Excellence in Teaching awards are given to educators who demonstrate exemplary leadership in the preparation of students for continued academic advancement at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In 2017-2018, an extra award was given to recognize a district specialist as well.

All recipients must demonstrate good communication and leadership skills; exhibit a willingness to become involved; share their teaching expertise with students, as well as peers; incorporate innovative teaching methods; and have a positive impact on students.



**Congratulations to the 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients (from left to right):
Brittany Walder (Specialist Excellence in Teaching Award),
Linda Krajcik (Middle School Excellence in Teaching Award),
Kathy Connelly (Homestead High School Excellence in Teaching Award)
and Liz Evans (Elementary School Excellence in Teaching Award).**



TOTAL: \$252,966

CURRICULUM

\$66,500

MS WORLD LANGUAGE LAB (\$25,000)

To be able to offer a variety of World Language options regardless of enrollment, Lake Shore and Steffen Middle Schools are offering students a blended-learning opportunity. This grant will help fund Chromebooks and FuelEd online World Language curriculum for each World Language Lab.

HS SPANISH & FRENCH CURRICULUM RESOURCES (\$35,000)

New textbooks will be a reliable and enriching resource for French 2 and Spanish 3 students. French 1 and Spanish 2 textbooks were replaced last year—this next level of textbooks will ensure a consistent experience and system of support for students.

BIOLOGY CURRICULUM RESOURCES (\$8,000)*

This grant will enhance MTSD biology students' engagement with the latest research, learning tools and teaching strategies. This year all 9th grade students will take Biology.

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE RESOURCES (\$4,500)

The iPad Pros provided in this grant will help equip students with essential computing skills and provide multidisciplinary opportunities.

DIGITAL ART CURRICULUM RESOURCES (\$1,800)

With this grant of a Pen Display Tablet, Digital Art 2 students will be able to sketch, paint and draw directly on screen and replicate the natural effects of pencils, pens and brushes digitally.

**The \$8,000 Biology grant replaces the 2017-2018 \$7,800 Chemistry grant unused by MTSD. The \$66,500 total Curriculum amount takes into account that \$7,800 was already accounted for in last year's annual report.*

TECHNOLOGY

\$124,451

PERSONALIZED DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES – CHROMEBOOKS (\$95,480)

As curriculum shifts to more online interaction and requires more web-based resources, devices at all buildings are in high demand. A set of Chromebooks for each building will help grow the number of available devices.

STEM LAPTOPS (\$18,971)

Laptops for HHS's new STEM Lab will allow PLTW and STEM students the ability to use technology throughout the room as they work on hands-on projects.

EXPEDITION KITS (\$10,000)

This set of virtual reality teaching tools (to travel between the three elementary schools) includes everything needed to take students on virtual field trips without leaving the classroom. Students can explore historical sites, breathtaking images, outer space, college campuses and much more.

PERSONNEL

\$47,500

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (\$32,500)

The MTEF appreciates one of MTSD's greatest resources: outstanding teachers. To help educators continue to grow and keep up with best practices, the MTEF will be granting all six school principals discretionary support to cover staff professional development.

HHS WRITING LAB (\$15,000)

Before and after school, and during every hour of the instructional day, High School English teachers will continue to help students with an array of writing assignments—from outlines to research reports, with the support of this grant.

DONOR-DESIGNATED DONATIONS

\$10,515

Individual donors have directed and funded grants to meet specific needs throughout the school district. One example is this year's Leave a Legacy project which helped equip the high school with the hardware, wiring and software needed to install multiple industrial-quality LCD video screens in high-traffic areas.

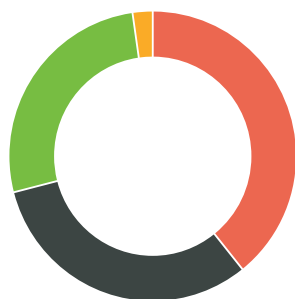
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

\$4,000

Educators who demonstrate exemplary leadership in the preparation of students for continued academic advancement at the elementary, middle, and high school levels are awarded with this grant. In 2017-2018, an extra award was given to recognize a district specialist as well.

Thank you to the Grants Advisory Committee: Bryan Sadoff (Chair), and committee Cindy Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Brett Bowers, Jeridon Clark, Lauren Croix, Greg Hartwig, John Krueger, Diana Levy, Tom Price, Robin Schlei, Chris Timm and Mary Jo Tye.

MTEF CUMULATIVE GRANT AWARDS 1998-2018



- 40% TECHNOLOGY
- 31% PERSONNEL
- 27% CURRICULUM
- 2% EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

1998-2018

100% TOTAL: **\$4,096,253**

ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in 2002, the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation's Endowment Fund was created with the goal of eventually providing an ongoing source of income for operating expenses and general funding purposes. The Fund was seeded with private donations, and continues to grow through private contributions and investment growth. The goal is to grow the Endowment Fund to \$1 million, after which the Foundation will use earnings to support overall program objectives. The Fund is currently managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.



FUNDRAISERS

Over 800 participants signed up to run from Homestead High School to the Taste of Mequon during the first ever **MTEF COLOR RUN** held on September 9, 2017. It celebrated the start of a new school year and raised over **\$22,000** in proceeds thanks to co-chairs **Tracy Kurtin, Ellen Leeney and Kaite Van Laanen** and committee **Whitney Berger, Sue Birmingham, Anne Braaten, Shana Brewer, Deb Doughty, Kristin Hinterstocker, Connie Kittleson, Kathy Konik, Laura Leszczynski, Lisa Nelson, Tanya Thorson, Julie Wojcik, Andi Zimmerman and Marie Zingale.**

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN direct mailing, MTEF's largest fundraiser, was sent to all Mequon-Thiensville residents in October and generated more than **\$170,000** in donations.

THE FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION events organized by **Cindy Anderson, Dana Bartol** and **Dani Melgaard** raised over **\$2,450.**

THE TARTAN BASH is a celebration of and a fundraiser for our excellent schools. In January 2018, the Tartan Bash's "Destination Education" was held at the Ozaukee Country Club. HHS's Choir, Jazz Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra provided pre-dinner entertainment. Co-chairs **Lynn Falender and Alicia Sadoff** along with their committee **Cindy Anderson, Katie Beiser, Sue Birmingham, Shana Brewer, Deb Doughty, Karrie Fiorentini, Melissa Gehl, Lynn Grosso, Lee Heinrich, Heidi Joynt, Connie Kittleson, Kathy Konik, Anne Krueger, Traci Kurtin, Tracy Lappin, Diana Levy, Dani Melgaard, Erin Oberndorfer, Katie Read, Jodi Sprinkmann, Meg Vierling and Andi Zimmerman** helped generate more than **\$147,000** in profits including **\$53,000** through the Fund-A-Grant voice auction, which was designated for World Language and technology.

TARTAN
Bash



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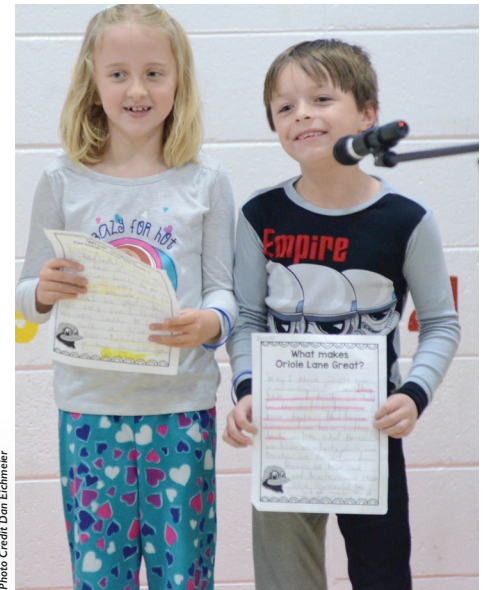


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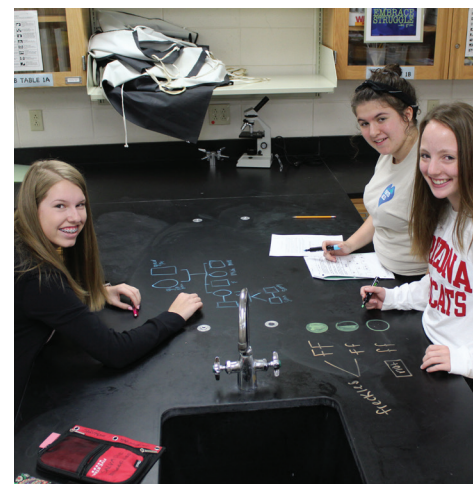
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 370,481	\$ 299,078
Certificates of deposits	–	35,117
Pledges receivable	378	2,689
Prepaid expense	5,000	847
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	375,859	337,731
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Computer equipment	1,492	1,492
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,192)	(894)
Net property and equipment	300	598
INTEREST IN ASSETS HELD BY THE GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION		
	726,937	639,678
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,103,096	\$ 978,007

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payable to Mequon-Thiensville School District	\$ 174,428	\$ 125,406
Accrued expenses	–	550
Deferred revenue	9,935	14,075
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	184,363	140,031
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	2,027	6,949
Designated	604,074	531,378
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	606,101	538,327
Temporarily restricted	173,067	162,909
Permanently restricted	139,565	136,740
TOTAL NET ASSETS	918,733	837,976
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,103,096	\$ 978,007

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Bash

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