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I think it's safe to say we all had high expectations for 2021. It was going to be much better than 2020 – it doesn't get much worse than that. But, in a lot of ways, we got more of the same. The COVID-19 issues have not gone away, and there are still precautions and protocol we have to abide by that we are all tired of. Upon deeper reflection, however, 2021 felt better. I feel like as a foundation we approached it with a different attitude. With greater willingness to adapt. More prepared.

And in a lot of ways that is exactly what this foundation is for. To support the district, help with preparation, and adapt when needed. We may not have been able to fund some of the in-person events that we love to support, like field trips or certain extracurricular activities, but we adapted. Our donors came together and helped support and develop new programs like social emotional training and brain health rooms in a time when that's more important than ever. We funded sanitation supplies, open closets for students who need access to items we all take for granted, and desks for students to successfully do schoolwork from home. We supported teacher grants as they continue to navigate their challenges. I could go on and on. It's truly remarkable to think about what we did in 2021 to rally around our students and overcome the challenges we faced. Just like the students, teachers, and staff, our foundation and our donors adapted and came prepared for 2021 – and it shows!

Our mission at the foundation is to inspire investment in student achievement. This year, however, it was the other way around. We were inspired by our donor's willingness to step up and fund needs that we've never had before.

There's a quote that goes, "If you want to see the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain". We don't know what 2022 will bring. Perhaps we'll still be weathering the rainstorm that has been hovering over us for the past two years. But one thing is for sure – there will be a rainbow at the end of all of this. We've worked together to develop new programs and tools that will live well beyond our current challenges. And we'll be a stronger district and community because of it.

I'll end by extending a much deserved thank you to a few groups. Thank you to our foundation board members for giving your time and energy to such a great cause. Thank you to the teachers and district staff for supporting all of these initiatives and adapting to all of the challenges. Thank you to our students, for weathering this rainstorm with a smile and the right attitude. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, none of this can happen without our donors and their generosity and passion for our students. So, thank you very much to all of our donors for your kindness and generosity.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

- Zach Hodge, FDPS Vice-President



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*Investing in our public schools...
Building the foundation for Dubuque's future!*

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin

The Dubuque Community School District started a foundation in 1991 as a means of developing alternative forms of funding education in our community. The organization incorporated as a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization in 1997. In 2013, the name of the foundation was changed to the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools (FDPS) and partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque as it continued to grow and have a larger impact on the public schools.

The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools' (FDPS) mission is to promote the importance of public education by increasing community investment for the enhancement of student achievement in the Dubuque Community School District. We fulfill this mission by securing financial gifts and grants for school programs and projects which are not adequately supported by public tax dollars. The FDPS is dedicated to building community relationships and growing resources to extend the excellence of Dubuque's public schools. These supportive relationships lead to educational enrichment for all students.

Across the country, communities have organized private foundations to supplement their public schools. Here in Dubuque, the FDPS provided funding this year for new technology, teacher training, innovative curriculum, field trips, after school programs, and much much more. School foundations exist to support teachers in providing the education enhancements needed to give students a competitive edge.

Your generous contribution will allow the FDPS to reliably support the Dubuque Community School District in meeting the needs of today's schools, teachers, and students and those of generations to come.

- We are creating a permanent funding source for Dubuque public schools by raising an endowment through major and planned gifts.
- We work with business and private donors to build general, endowed and designated funds for educational programs in the district.
- We facilitate fundraising campaigns to support ongoing needs and special projects like the afterschool program, STEM activities, project based learning opportunities, and so much more.
- We collaborate with school personnel on grant writing and provide grant management services.
- We support the school district's mission of developing world-class learners and citizens of character in a safe and inclusive learning community.

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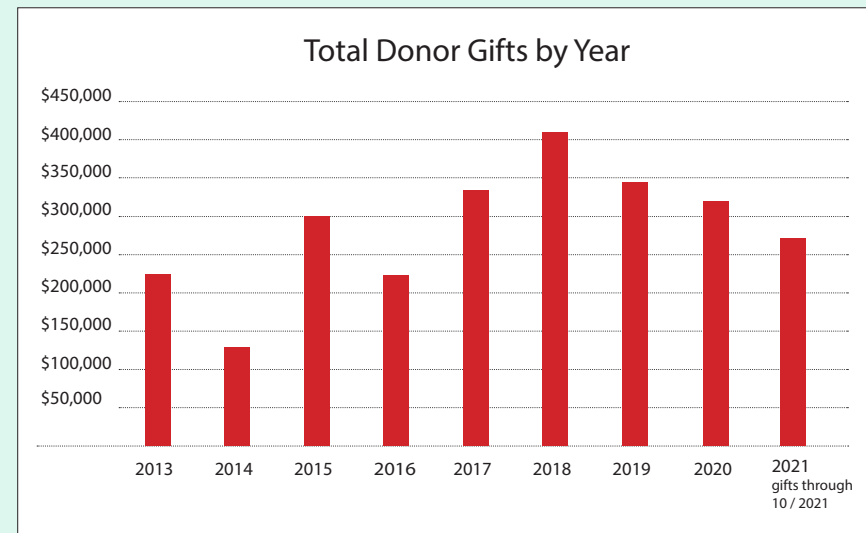
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The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools (FDPS) supports student achievement by promoting investment in the Dubuque public schools. FDPS board members and staff fulfill this mission by securing financial gifts and grants for school programs and projects that are not currently supported by public tax dollars. **Learn more at www.dbqfoundation.org/FDPS.**

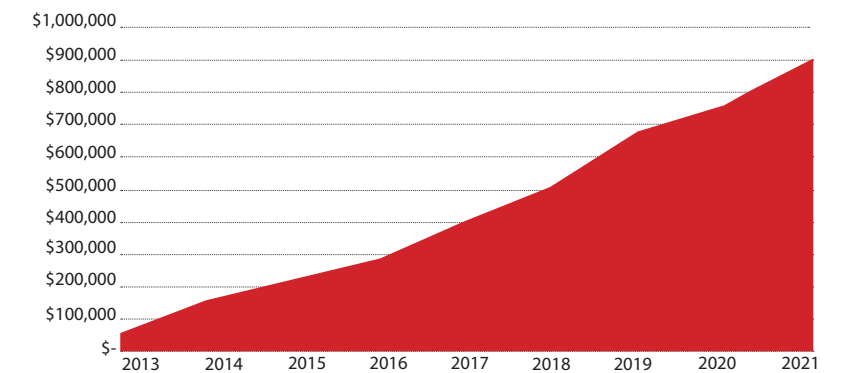


You Make A difference



Our vision for the FDPS endowed funds is to provide a sustainable source of grant funding to support new, innovative or insufficiently supported projects and programs in the Dubuque Community School District now, and forever. Thank you to all the donors who have helped us grow these endowed funds and making our students future so

FDPS Endowment Growth



*"Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much."
~ Helen Keller*

Thanks to you, our donors, we continue to have a positive impact on our students, staff, and families. Your gift makes a difference in supporting many different projects and programs throughout the district and we greatly appreciate your investment.

1. FDPS provides alternative and permanent sources of school district funding.
2. Your gifts provide funding for school projects and programs that are not supported by tax dollars.
3. Your support is an investment in the future of public education in Dubuque.
4. Increased funding for public schools gives our students a competitive edge.
5. Investment in education benefits the entire community.
6. Excellent public education options = better business development in Dubuque.
7. You can support programs and needs that matter to you.
8. FDPS partners with other local organizations to maximize resources.
9. Combined resources, from multiple donors and investment opportunities, make a greater impact.
10. Your financial support will make a difference in the lives of Dubuque's children forever.

Reasons To Give

Thank you for your continued support of the FDPS mission of enhancing the education of our students! We invite you to take a few minutes to watch a video highlighting the many ways your generous donations have allowed the FDPS to positively impact our public schools this year. **www.dbqsch.org/fpds**

If you wish to make a donation, please use the following link. **bit.ly/FDPS2021**

With gratitude and appreciation, we wish you all a Happy Holiday season!