

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT REPORT



YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE!

This report highlights the vital work you made possible in 2022-2023. Because of you, students in Bellevue's public schools benefitted from valuable programs such as access to mental health support, new books for inclusive libraries, and continued groundbreaking computer science learning. With your support, students went to preschool regardless of their family's income, and teachers received funds for their own national certification as well as funding for special arts and innovation projects. Thank you for your commitment to our students!



Mental Health

In December 2021, the US Surgeon General issued a public health advisory warning of a youth mental health crisis. Thanks to your support, the Bellevue School District was ready to respond proactively. School counselors provided mental health screenings for **7,108** students. **29%** of middle and high school students reported anxiety or depressive symptoms and **17%** reported ideas of self-harm. Counselors worked with over **90** students to develop safety plans, and over **551** students received therapy with a counselor. Students' progress was monitored to make course corrections and to determine if the intervention was successful. **95%** of students reported an increase in coping skills. Many students were in crisis – thank you for extending a life line to them this year.



“Everyone needs a Ms. Lancaster and just know that you’ve saved a lot of people’s lives, including mine. ”

– Student note to an MHAT Counselor



Computer Science

This year, your investment in PreK-8 computer science education served 19 elementary schools and 7 middle schools, directly serving **5,960** students. Well over **90%** of all races, ethnicities and genders of 4th graders reported they believe all different of people can learn to code and improve in computer science. **89%** of 4th grade girls and **93%** of boys reported that they can create things with computer science, coding, or technology. In middle school, teachers implemented the integration of computer science into other scientific subjects, such as learning to code robots that can be used to clean coral reefs (computer science in environmental science). Among 6th graders, those indicating they would like to take a computer science class in high school increased from **63% to 71%** for boys and from **44% to 53%** for girls. Bellevue School District was one of only four districts in the country to pilot a program with Amazon Future Engineers to teach students to develop technology to protect the planet.



“I thought STEM was something just for smart kids but now I know I can participate in STEM and I am good at it. ”

– 7th grade female student of color



Inclusive Libraries

Bellevue students originate from 125 countries and speak 100 languages – our schools embrace the diversity and experiences they bring. Through literacy, student's personal and academic identity are affirmed and elevated, creating the context for classroom cultures that value one another's humanity with equitable and exceptional education for all. Thanks to our donors, **343** classrooms received classroom library booster packs with a total of **3,771** physical books for **8,028** K-5 students. And, all **11** secondary libraries each received inclusive library sets worth \$1500 for the **11,530** secondary students.

"I am retiring in a year and this might be the greatest boost to my classroom in my 35 years in education."

– BSD Teacher



Early Learning

High-quality early education is critical for children's success in school and beyond. With your support, **29** part-day preschoolers who qualify for state Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) were provided financial assistance to attend full school day or extended work day slots. The creative curriculum engaged the young learners in fun activities that develop important cognitive, social-emotional, physical, literacy, language, and mathematics skills. Additionally, **100%** of families surveyed reported access to preschool has improved family self-sufficiency. **95%** of families surveyed reported they have received additional support and/or accessed community/school resources as a result of their child's enrollment in preschool.



To learn more about how you can engage further with the Bellevue Schools Foundation, contact us at info@bsfdn.org or go to our website at www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org



Mini-Grants

This year, you supported **92** mini-grants to educators across the District. From arts to robotics, music to reptiles, foreign language books to soldering – these targeted grants help teachers provide resources students wouldn't otherwise have. Thank you!



BOOM

Breaking Out Of the Margins is a BIPOC focused opportunity for secondary students to engage in meaningful, facilitated conversations that center issues that are of most importance to them. This year, **392** students participated in an event at Bellevue College.



"I learned that there are many people with the same feelings as me. It gave me a sense of belonging."

– 8th grade student at International School



National Board Certification for Teachers

To be a great teacher requires great learning along the way. National Board Certification is one way teachers can take their skills to a higher level – a level that correlates with positive outcomes for student learning. This year, you supported **57** teachers who achieved either a new or renewed National Board Certification!

Bellevue is one of only four districts in the entire country where over **40%** of teachers have earned this significant achievement. With over 30 years of support for this initiative, we're continuing this legacy of teaching excellence.