What happens before the school day starts and after it ends can be just as important and impactful in the lives of your students as what happens during the school day. This is why community engagement and involvement in schools is such an important facet of the educational process. When families, schools, and community institutions (e.g., local businesses, community colleges, and health agencies) collectively agree upon their goals and decide how to reach them, everyone benefits.

Education must evolve as our world is rebuilt, re-imagined, and reengaged. We believe that all students deserve the opportunity to achieve academic growth regardless of their abilities, learning style, cultural background, or economic circumstances.

It takes more than what state funding provides right now for education. It takes a community to ensure that our students thrive. By working together, schools, families, and communities can prepare for a more promising future. Moreover, because of you, we know that everybody benefits from great public schools.

Dena Johnston, Executive Director

I am very proud of my association with the Lawrence Schools Foundation and the donors, community partners, staff, and fellow board members who enable its mission to inspire learning and enhance teaching in Lawrence Public Schools.

I am especially heartened by the generosity of long-time and new donors in these challenging times. The foundation staff and board are thoughtful and faithful stewards of all resources entrusted to us, whether from district employees, community donors and partners, participants in fundraising events, or amazingly generous friends such as the Durham Family Foundation and the late William Dann. This generosity makes possible all the grateful smiles we see when school families get help with everyday needs, students are recognized for their accomplishments, and teachers are awarded for their inspiration and innovation.

I want to personally thank our professional staff – Dena, Jamie, and Michelle. The depth and diversity of the foundation’s efforts simply would not be possible without their professional and warm-hearted dedication.

Please enjoy this report — and join us in our mission!

Chris Anderson, President, Board of Directors
’cause these are our students and teachers

Our mission is simple — to **inspire learning**, **enrich teaching**, and **enhance opportunities** for all students, educators, and staff in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Despite the obvious challenges of the 2020-2021 school year, we administered more than $60,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Investing in those who teach is vital, too: More than $25,000 was granted for innovative projects and other specific needs related to promoting and sustaining student achievement, and $20,000 more was gifted to teachers and staff in recognition of their excellent work. We applaud students, teachers, staff, administrators, and families for their resilience every single year — especially this one.

Every gift, no matter the size, is put to use to support student achievement and success.

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**WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS**

Some children in our community are without running water or a mattress on which to sleep. Others are without shoes, socks, underwear, or maybe even toothpaste. Our goal is to make sure our school social workers, counselors, nurses, and psychologists have funds available to meet immediate and emergency needs such as these so students can come to school clean, confident and ready to learn. Since 2018 Lawrence Schools Foundation has provided more than $400,000 in I.C.A.N. funding to help meet these needs, which became heightened during the pandemic. Thanks to you, the funding has helped with bus passes and bike tire repair so kids can get to school, hotel accommodations, grocery gift cards, mattresses, household and hygiene items, prescriptions, clothing, laundry, sports equipment/shoes for participation, tutoring/pod classrooms while students were remote, masks and other PPE supplies, and the community meal program.

**15,137** free breakfasts and lunches served up in April 2020

**19,149** free breakfasts and lunches served up in May 2020
Scholarships
74 scholarships totaling more than $60,000 were awarded to graduating seniors

Innovative Teaching Grants ($7,000 total)
New York Elementary: Girls Who Code Club
Kennedy Elementary: K-5 Café Cart
C-Tran: Gardening for Work and Leisure
Hillcrest Elementary: K-5 Social Emotional Learning
Kennedy Elementary: 3rd-5th Grade Brain Games
Prairie Park Elementary/Woodlawn Elementary: K-5 ROARing Hearts
Hillcrest Elementary: K-5 Sensory Path
Woodlawn Elementary: Kindergarten Tiny Polka Dot Home/School Bridge project

Excellence In Teaching/ Bobs Award ($10,000)
Kaitlin Shulman, 2nd Grade Teacher, Quail Run Elementary

School Assistance Grants ($7,633 total)
Kennedy Elementary: Washer/Dryer proposal
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School: Recording Studio proposal
Quail Run Elementary: Scholastic News proposal
Schwegler Elementary: Reset, Recover and Return proposal

Hillcrest Elementary: K-5 Social Emotional Learning
Kennedy Elementary: 3rd-5th Grade Brain Games
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Dedication to Education Award/ Sons of Bobs Award ($5,000)
Baileigh Faler, 4th Grade Educator, Broken Arrow Elementary

Barbara Hodgson
Dream to Achieve Award ($100)
Samantha Saltz, 1st Grade Teacher, New York Elementary

MusicWorks Grants ($11,074.12 total)
Woodlawn Elementary: Woodlawn-Ready, Set, Drum! proposal
District-Wide: USD 497 Music Bags proposal

Fall 2020–Spring 2021 A.C.E Awards ($500 each)
Melissa Wise, Secretary, Southwest Middle School
Xiaoyan Liu, Interrelated Resource Para Educator, Schwegler Elementary
Chrystal Hunter, Para Educator, Cordley Elementary
Shane Billig, Assistant Debate and Forensics Coach, Lawrence High School

FOR THE YOUNGEST AMONG US

Established in 1993, the Early Childhood program began with a classroom of 20 4-year-olds at East Heights Elementary School in 1993. The new Early Childhood Center, at the former Kennedy Elementary building, houses the Readiness program, Peer Modeling program, tinyK Early Intervention program, and Parents as Teachers, along with other resources such as Adult Education and Special Education. Esther Kottwitz, EC coordinator, and the certified teaching staff provide developmentally appropriate activities for individual preschoolers and groups of all sizes. The new inclusive playground at Kennedy was made possible with community donations and a generous gift from a long-time friend to the Lawrence Schools Foundation, William Dann (1937-2020). The special dream that all preschoolers can play at the playground with their friends, no matter their ability, came true because of friends like William Dann. That is why it is proudly named the William Dann Playtown.

300+ children are served each year through the Early Childhood program

1993 was the year of William Dann’s lead gift that helped establish the program
'cause this is our community

A strong school system is the foundation of a vibrant and prosperous community. And community engagement with our schools makes them stronger. It’s a win-win.

We work to build community partnerships through civic involvement and good old-fashioned honest conversation. We also do this through inspiring events such as the Community Education Breakfast, Ovation!, and more. The pandemic squashed our public events in 2020, but also gave us time to think about reframing them in a new way to align with our mission and vision. Community collaboration sparks interest in our schools and generates momentum for the cause — inspiring learning, enriching teaching, and enhancing opportunities for all.

And everybody benefits.

Wal-Mart is one of our district-wide LEAP partners and we work closely with Ryan Fountaine, the claims supervisor at the Iowa Street location. Ryan shared with us how they work with their local communities. “At the store level, Wal-Mart partners with local organizations to support the community,” he says. “With these partnerships, we are able to reach those most in need. If donations do not meet the needs of the nonprofit organization, they can submit an application for a community grant.” Wal-Mart associates have many opportunities to give back to the community. This past year, the company donated more than 1,400 bottles of hand sanitizer to Lawrence Schools Foundation during our PPE drive. With help from the Lawrence Public Schools facilities and operations crew, every school received a shipment of supplies.
The Lawrence Public Schools and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce collaborated to form the Lawrence Business/Education Partnership in 1993. The Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) program matches schools with businesses and community organizations — and magic happens. Currently, approximately 115 local businesses partner with the Lawrence Public Schools. Many focus on scholastic enrichment, such as reading to kids in class, mentoring, tutoring or training, or donating classroom supplies. Others volunteer to help at school events or make monetary or in-kind donations to support them. Many sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events. Our LEAP partners enjoy being involved with the schools and learning from the students and teachers. They are the lifeline to the Foundation and to our community.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **Broken Arrow Elementary**
  - Central National Bank
  - Pet World
  - Premier Martial Arts
  - Raising Cane’s

- **Cordley Elementary**
  - Capital City Bank/Capitol Federal
  - Cottin’s Hardware & Rental
  - Dairy Queen–Mass. Street
  - Dillons Stores–6th & Wakarusa

- **Deerfield Elementary**
  - Hy-Vee

- **Hillcrest Elementary**
  - Commerce Bank–Iowa Street
  - Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
  - Premier Martial Arts
  - The Merc Co-op

- **Kennedy Elementary**
  - Independence, Inc.
  - Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club
  - United Way of Douglas County

- **Langston Hughes Elementary**
  - Dillons Stores–6th & Wakarusa
  - Hy-Vee
  - J&S Coffee
  - Truity Credit Union
  - University National Bank

- **New York Elementary**
  - Altrusa
  - Connect Church
  - Cottin’s Hardware & Rental
  - Emprise Bank
  - Kiwanis Club
  - Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club
  - Stevens & Brand, L.L.P.
  - Western Star #1 Masonic Lodge

- **Pinckney Elementary**
  - Applebee’s
  - Gould Evans Associates
  - LMH Health

- **Prairie Park Elementary**
  - Bank Midwest
  - Capitol Federal Savings
  - Hy-Vee
  - Mar Lan Construction
  - Truity Credit Union

- **Quail Run Elementary**
  - Berry Plastics
  - Darin Domnanish Agency–Farmers Insurance
  - Jefferson’s–West
  - Hy-Vee
  - Legends Dental Center
  - Pioneer Ridge
  - Premier Martial Arts
  - Rock Hill Church
  - Story Hill Church

- **Schwegler Elementary**
  - Dairy Queen–Iowa Street
  - Premier Martial Arts
  - Raising Cane’s
  - Runza
  - Schlumberger

- **Sunflower Elementary**
  - Central National Bank
  - Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
  - Hy-Vee
  - Premier Martial Arts

- **Sunset Hill Elementary**
  - Meritrust Credit Union
  - Stephens Real Estate
  - The Merc Co-op

- **Woodlawn Elementary**
  - Bowersock Mills & Power Company
  - First State Bank & Trust
  - ICL Performance Products
  - Juniper Hill Farms

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Billy Mills Middle School**
  - Hy-Vee
  - McDonald’s of Lawrence
  - Printing Solutions
  - Raising Cane’s

- **Liberty Memorial Central Middle School**
  - Cottin’s Hardware & Rental
  - First State Bank & Trust
  - KU Natural History Museum
  - Lawrence Arts Center
  - Rodrock Chiropractic & Acupuncture
  - The Summit

- **Southwest Middle School**
  - Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc.
  - Hy-Vee
  - Jefferson’s–West
  - McDonald’s of Lawrence
  - t.Loft

- **West Middle School**
  - Commerce Bank–Iowa Street
  - Sonic–6th Street
  - t.Loft
  - The Merc Co-op

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Lawrence Free State High School**
  - Capital City Bank/Capitol Federal
  - Central Bank of the Midwest
  - Commerce Bank–Wakarusa Street
  - Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
  - Hy-Vee

- **Juniper Hill Farms**
  - McDonald’s of Lawrence
  - Raising Cane’s
  - t.Loft
  - Theatre Lawrence
  - Therapy Works
  - Truity Credit Union

**DISTRICT-WIDE**

- **Best Western Lawrence**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**
- **Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence**
- **Chili’s**
- **Crave Nutrition**
- **Douglas County Fire & Medical**
- **Edmonds Duncan Registered Investment Advisors**
- **Eileen’s Colossal Cookies**
- **Envisa Credit Union**
- **First Student Goodcents**
- **J Magnuson Agency–Farmers Insurance**
- **Jason’s Deli**
- **Jefferson’s**
- **Hot Box Cookies**
- **Kansas Athletics, Inc.**
- **Kona Ice Lawrence Topeka, LLC**
- **Kurt Goeser–State Farm**
- **Lawrence Habitat for Humanity**
- **Lawrence Police Department**
- **Lawrence Public Library**
- **McAlister’s Deli**
- **Merchant’s Pub & Plate**
- **Minuteman Press**
- **Papa Keno’s Pizzeria**
- **Pet World**
- **Printing Solutions**
- **Quinton’s**
- **RCB Bank**
- **Royal Crest Lanes**
- **Salvation Army of Douglas County**
- **Silver Lake Bank**
- **Solomon and Associates–Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc**
- **Sonic**
- **Texas Roadhouse**
- **The Basil Leaf Café**
- **T-Mobile**
- **Toppers Pizza**
- **Truity Credit Union**
- **23rd Street Brewery**
- **Wal-Mart**
- **Watkins Museum of History**
- **YARDI**

- **District-wide–Community Connections/C-Tran**
  - Applebee’s
  - Lawrence Family Video

- **District-wide–Early Childhood**
  - Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary
  - Dr. Sharon Michel Green, O.D.
  - Dr. James Otten, D.D.S.

- **District-wide–Fine Arts**
  - KU Theater
  - Lawrence Arts Center
  - Lied Center of Kansas
  - Theatre Lawrence
  - US Bank

- **District-wide–Project Search**
  - Joblink, a Division of Cottonwood
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  - LMH Health
  - United Way of Douglas County
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EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFTS  Please check to see if your employer has a matching gifts program. All or a portion of your donation may be matched.

PAYROLL DONATIONS  In 2020, Lawrence School District staff contributed $34,458 to help support Foundation programs. 100% of the money collected from staff goes directly back to our schools to support our students, classrooms, and educators.

PLANNED GIVING AND TRUSTS  The foundation can accept gifts through bequests, charitable remainder trusts (annuities and unitrusts), charitable lead trusts, appreciated stock, life insurance, real estate, individual retirement accounts, and company retirement plans. A bequest through your will or living trust may result in tax savings to your estate. In your will, you may designate a specific gift, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after specific distributions are made. Please talk with your attorney.

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$940,330 donated in 2020 to Lawrence Public Schools via campaigns and events, and for specific programs

$3,693,289 in grants, programs, awards, and scholarships funded in Lawrence Public Schools in last five years

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