

# Annual Report 2017 - 2018



A Community Working Together for Education



## The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools at a Glance

#### **Our Mission**

The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools seeds strategic initiatives of FCPS that engage and inspire students to thrive.

**Areas of Support** 



Kids in Need



**Classroom Innovation** 



**Employee Recognition** 



## **FCPS Facts**

- 188,000+ students
- 10th largest school district in the nation
- Over 55,000 students qualify for free and reduced meals (28%)
  - 198 schools and centers
  - \$2.9 billion operating budget

## The Year In Review

Since its founding in 2011, the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools has been a vehicle for matching community resources to needs at schools and programs throughout the county. This past fiscal year, the Foundation realized its greatest success to date, topping \$1,000,000 in funds received, launching a new community State of Education Luncheon, and an exciting new grant program for teachers.

Highlights of some of the projects funded through the Foundation this year include:

- Enhancing the **"Safe Routes to Schools"** program through a generous contribution from Innovation Health,
- Expanding the EcoSchools program with the first grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Environmental Fund,
- Creating an Innovation Lab at Chantilly High School with a grant from Asha-Jyothi,
- · Providing vaccines to incoming students through a grant from the Inova Community Health fund,
- Creating "maker spaces" in two schools with assistance from Qualcomm,
- Increasing STEM learning throughout the Edison High School pyramid with a grant from Boeing, and
- Launching a new patient care technology program through a grant from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation.

In addition, the Foundation raised funds for its own programs within FCPS, including providing more than 6,000 students with school supplies at three Resource Fairs last August. We also celebrated the valuable contributions of more than 550 FCPS employees throughout the year at regional celebrations and twelve outstanding employees of the year at the annual FCPS Honors event in June.

The inaugural **State of Education Luncheon** last November brought together more than 300 community members and recognized Dorothy McAuliffe, (former) First Lady of Virginia, with the FCPS Champion Award for her efforts to end childhood hunger. Luncheon attendees also heard from the new FCPS Superintendent, Dr. Scott Brabrand, and celebrated the **Business, Community and Workforce Development Partners of the Year**. Proceeds from the luncheon were designated by the Foundation Board to seed a **Teacher Grant program**. Twenty-eight innovative projects were selected from across the county, all with a focus on work-based learning opportunities in the classroom. These grants, which total over \$45,500, will be funded in August for implementation in the 2018-19 school year and further the Foundation's mission to support educators on innovative projects that help all students find their path to college or career.

As we look toward the future, we anticipate that the Foundation will continue to grow as a valuable resource for our terrific public school system. Our focus will remain on the developing of a strong and robust workforce of the future by broadening and deepening students' understanding of career paths, and making connections between classroom learning and workplace skills. Fairfax County is stronger when its schools are working in partnership with businesses and community members to stay robust and thriving.

We are the Foundation for your public schools, and we are proud to share our successes with you through this Annual Report. We invite you to join with us to support the incredible resource that is FCPS.

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# Our Programs



## **Kids in Need**

- Established a fund to eliminate student lunch debt
- Collaborated with community partners on "Collect for Kids" school supply drive
- Collected funds to provide gift cards to homeless students
- Facilitated contributions from the community to specific schools and needs

## **Employee Recognition**

- 12 sponsors presented awards at FCPS Honors in front of over 1,100 attendees
- Monthly celebrations held in all 5 regions
- 562 employees recognized throughout the year

## **VA Star**

- Coordinated state-funded program to refurbish computers and donate them to needy families
- Expanded to 8 schools in FY 2018, involving over 150 students
- Partnered with Fairfax County government to offer summer IT internships in 2017

## 2017 Superintendent's Luncheon

- Inaugural event on November 21, 2017
- 300 attendees
- Awards presented to:
  - Business Partner of the Year: Navy Federal Credit Union
  - Community Partner of the Year: Food for Others
  - Workforce Development Partner of the Year: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

# Teacher Grants Work-based learning opportunities for students

- Established with proceeds from the Superintendent's Luncheon
- First grant cycle in spring 2018
- 73 applications received
- 28 projects funded for 2018-19 school year totaling \$45,500





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