



THE \$2 MILLION MILESTONE

In 1995, six innovative leaders in our school community came together with an exciting vision that they called Partners in Excellence. They formed one of the first public school foundations in Minnesota to foster the best education for Hopkins students by fueling initiatives constrained by unpredictable public funds. They dreamed of being wildly successful by raising \$1 million over some long distant horizon to fund grants for Hopkins schools.

The rest, as they say, is history. Their passion for excellence in education provided a pathway for our entire community of parents, volunteers, teachers and staff. HEF has far exceeded those early wildest dreams, and today we are celebrating an amazing milestone: over the past 17 years, HEF has awarded more than \$2 million to fund over 300 grants.

Grant proposals come directly from district teachers and staff to the HEF Volunteer Board. Some grants provide seed money for pilot projects that later get incorporated into the district's vision and budget such as the iPad strategy and Xin Xing Academy. Other grants address one-time projects that might otherwise go unfunded. Some grants impact a large population of students; others focus on a community of learners that might be underserved.

Through the years, HEF grants have touched all Hopkins students in one way or another. As Assistant Superintendent Nik Lightfoot says, "HEF grants have really allowed staff to explore instructional activities and practices that keep the Hopkins school district on the cutting edge of best practice—and to go deeper into explorations of those practices. We've been able to provide families with experiences they would not otherwise have."

"A family-oriented event for the entire Hopkins community is a great way to celebrate this important milestone," says Board President Jelan Heidelberg. Whether you're a parent, a



**2-MILLION
2-GETHER**

Two million in grants for our kids.
Let's keep investing in our future.

We are very lucky to have a community of wonderful volunteers and generous supporters.
Please join us to celebrate at Tuttle's on
SEPTEMBER 30 (HOMECOMING WEEKEND)

neighbor, a local business person or Hopkins staff member, you're part of our successful Partnership in Excellence.

Please join us at Tuttle's on September 30 (Homecoming Weekend). Enjoy a celebratory piece of \$2 Million cake, a terrific band, Machinery Hill, led by Hopkins musician Dale Engquist, good deals on bowling and a chance to win door prizes. Bowl, chat, grab a bite to eat and catch up with friends after a busy summer.

2-MILLION 2-GETHER

Date: Sunday
September 30

Time: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Tuttle's
107 Shady Oak Rd
Hopkins, MN
(952) 938-4090

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30
\$2-MILLION 2-GETHER at Tuttle's

November 15
Minnesota Give to the Max Day

November 30
Retired Board Member Breakfast

February 1 – 10
Online Auction

February 23
Royal Bash

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Jelani Heidelberg, President

I'm thrilled by the opportunity to lead our talented, dedicated Hopkins Education Foundation Board this year. It's already shaping up to be a great year for HEF. We've reached an important milestone, \$2 million in grants, thanks to the hard work and support of our community—past and present Board members, volunteers, donors, sponsors and staff.

As we start thinking about the next \$2M, we will continue to focus on raising funds and awarding grants that are a catalyst for excitement, enrichment and excellence in education. At the same time, we are exploring new ideas and potential new roles for HEF going forward. You might see us shake things up a bit this year, and we hope you'll join us for the ride.

If you're interested in volunteering or just have ideas that you'd like to share about how HEF can make a difference for our students, please contact me at: jelani@hopkinseducationfoundation.org

Jelani Heidelberg
HEF President



HEF Staff – Sally Levens, Ellen Cousins and Cindy Muzetras



Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Grant

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, HEF AWARDED \$137,000 IN GRANTS FOR 2011-2012!

UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE IPAD All Schools

With relevant content that is usually more up to date than textbooks, our students use iPads to span the world without ever leaving their desks. One of the many benefits is that students can easily practice reading and math at their own personalized level. Our special appeal at Royal Bash 2012 raised nearly \$30,000 for this important technology initiative.

BOOKS ON HAND - EXPANDING CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

All Elementary Schools – Bonnie Hild

Third and fourth grade classroom libraries will receive expanded book options to build literacy skills. In the past, teachers often furnished classroom libraries at their own expense. Each student will have a rotating group of books that are balanced for fiction and non-fiction and skill levels.

DAILY FIVE LISTENING CENTERS Glen Lake – Cindy Anderson

Listening to Reading, Reading to Self, Reading to Someone, Working on Writing and Working with Words are all components of the Daily Five literacy program. This grant provides resources for the listening learning stage.

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH STEM

Glen Lake – Mary Jo Merickel, Darlene Lines, Julie Burke, Julie Schlecht, Robb Trendera, Lynda Seitz, Anne Kuffel, Elizabeth Nemecek and Chris Ohotto

Students learn best in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs when they can engage in real world problem solving. "Explore Lab" project-based learning kits will be used school wide for engineering experiences.

LEXIA READING PROGRAM Tanglen – Bonnie Hild

Lexia software provides reading assessment, lesson plans and teaching tools that adjust to students' progress and individual needs. Students at home can also access the web-based technology. Grant matched by Tanglen PTO grant.

WEB – WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS WJH – Dana Baker and Sarah Coffey

Expanding the successful, HEF funded WEB pilot at North Jr. High, this grant funds a year-long orientation and transition program at West Jr. High. It links 7th grade students with 9th grade students who are trained as mentors.

ROLL 'EM: VIDEO CAMERAS FOR LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS
Hopkins High School – Stephanie Owens-Lyons

Small groups of world language students can now easily record their conversations with Flip cameras. Students are more comfortable and the teachers can more efficiently assess the oral activities outside of class time with the video recording.

MAKING ALL OF US PUBLISHED AUTHORS

Off-Campus Pavilion – Deb Ludwig and Val Honey

Students create, illustrate and publish their own book in Language Arts class. The project helps students develop writing, illustrating, editing and technology skills.

BE YOUR DREAM ACADEMIC COACHING

Hopkins High School – Stephanie Owens Lyons

Be Your Dream connects daily actions with students' life goals and dreams to help students be more engaged in school. In addition to workshops for teachers, staff, parents and peer tutors, professional life coaches will provide one-on-one coaching for students. This multi-year grant is matched by a grant from the Gary S. Stevens Foundation.

MAKING COLLEGE A REALITY FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
Hopkins District – Scott Endo

College readiness is an important part of the district strategic plan. An innovative parent involvement program works with families of English Language Learners to explain the college process and help families better prepare their students.



Graduation

HEF'S FIRST GRANT EPITOMIZES OUR MISSION

LifeLabs, the first HEF grant, connected students with the world of work and then morphed into something much bigger.

- Students were aligned with willing local businesses to show (not just tell) how real businesses and/or factories are run.
- Students could discover what skills and applications were needed in the real world.
- It was so successful that John Ondov, one of the principal organizers, turned it into the not-for-profit Lifelab Learning Institute, now Lifelab LLC. They created a two-year college prep teacher training program, and worked with MnSCU schools to align curricular enhancements with targeted work skills and degrees.

Ondov comments, "LifeLabs focused on applied contextual learning – we wanted to connect the kids with the skills needed in the workplace. It (Lifelab LLC) has continued to be devoted to connecting learning and work in many ways, and providing business owners with higher skilled workers."

What a way to begin the HEF story!



Roll 'Em Video Cameras for Language Assessments

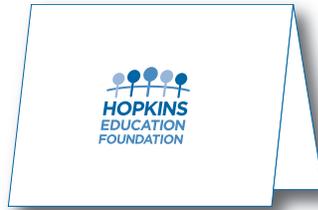
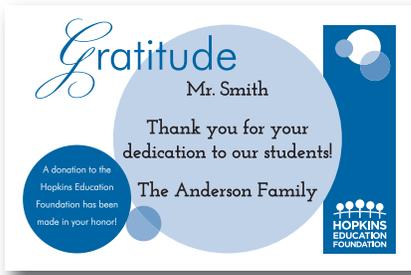
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1. Write in HEF for your Employee Giving Campaign
2. Stop by Tuttle's September 30 for Cake
3. Donate items to the Online Auction



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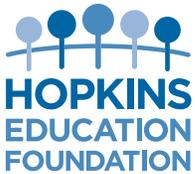
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