

Fort Bend Education Foundation

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2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



We Touch
EVERY School
in Fort Bend ISD





To the Friends and Supporters of the Fort Bend Education Foundation



The Board of Directors and Staff of the Fort Bend Education Foundation (FBEF) are pleased to present this Annual Report of the Foundation's accomplishments and activities during the 2015-16 fiscal year. For nearly 25 years, the goal of FBEF has been to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students by funding and awarding grants for teachers, school sites, staff development and district-wide programs and initiatives. Due to your generous contributions, support and

volunteer efforts, I am proud to report to you the Foundation continues to meet and exceed the goals and expectations our Founding Directors set for us more than two decades ago.

In 2015-16 the Education Foundation awarded 185 grants for \$288,772 to support the Grants to Teachers and Schools program. Additionally, the Foundation awarded \$38,755 for two Founders Grants, \$24,803 for 311 New Teacher Grants, \$25,000 for Professional Development Grants and \$82,036 in Pass Through Grants for a total of \$459,366 this year. Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in grants to FBISD teachers and schools. Through these grants, the FBEF has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to academic excellence and a dedication to resource development for the continued funding of them.

A strategic priority of the Education Foundation is to enhance the number and value of our corporate partnerships. In addition to the generous individual support we receive, we are grateful for the grants and engagement of companies like Schlumberger, Fluor Corporation and Johnson Development. A good example of the involvement of one of our community partners is the Schlumberger Coding and Robotics after school clubs. This program started four years ago and will be in 40 FBISD schools next year.

The 2016 – 17 school year marks the 25th anniversary of the Fort Bend Education Foundation. To commemorate this milestone, the Board of Directors has endorsed our first annual campaign to augment our fundraising activities. The goal for this 25th anniversary campaign is \$100,000.

I would like to again express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has supported, volunteered, and served our Foundation for your friendship and dedication. I am honored to serve as your Board President. You have made a difference in the lives of our many Fort Bend ISD Students.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown
President 2016-17



FORT BEND ISD STATS

BY THE NUMBERS:

- **73,763** Current FBISD student enrollment
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with more than **10,000** full and part-time employees
- FBISD spans **170** square miles
- **75** FBISD schools (47 elementary, 14 middle schools, 11 high schools and 3 unique programs)
- **93** FBISD facilities total with 221 permanent buildings

Student Information Our Students



Bilingual	4.15%
ESL	11.58%
Economically Disadvantaged	37.1%
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) ..	12.93%
Special Education	7.2%



FBISD is a majority- minority school district:



2015 FBISD Ethnicity

• .32%	American Indian/Alaska Native
• 21.61%	Asian
• 32.80%	Black
• .13%	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander
• 15.29%	White
• 27.22%	Hispanic
• 2.63%	Two or More Races

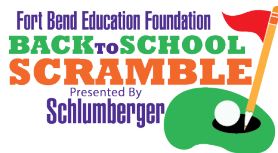


16th Annual Back to School Scramble Makes Top Grade!

The 16th Annual Fort Bend Education Foundation's Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament was held on August 24, 2015 at Sweetwater Country Club. Schlumberger presented the event, which was chaired by Claude Leatherwood.



Thanks to the generosity of this year's participants, the event netted \$115,500 for the Fort Bend Education Foundation. The 256 golfers that played in the tournament enjoyed lunch from Chick-fil-A and an awards banquet at the end of the day.



Sugar Shindig is a Sweet Success!

The Fort Bend Education Foundation's first Sugar Shindig, presented by Safari Texas, was a sweet success netting \$18,600. FBISD staff, volunteers and community members who came out to shimmy and shake had a fabulous time during dinner, the cake auction, and dancing! The Angels of Education Auxiliary's new event was the icing on the cake to a tremendous new school year!



Check out our community discounts!

Community Discounts include:
DriveTheFoundation.com online drivers education and defensive driving;
Sweetwater Psychiatry and SuitMart.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 29th 17th Annual Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament
Sweetwater Country Club
9:00 AM Shotgun Start

October 21st Sugar Shindig
Safari Texas

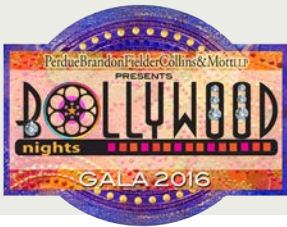
March 4th Annual Gala Celebration
Sugar Land Marriott

April 1st Education Expedition
BP MS 150 Recommended Bike Ride
Hightower High School



Bollywood Nights Sets Records!

The 23rd Annual Gala "Bollywood Nights," held at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square, was a record-breaking evening with 1000 supporters. This star-studded event presented by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP netted over \$287,000 for the teachers and students of Fort Bend ISD. Every school in FBISD participated by providing Silent Auction baskets, and guests enjoyed entertainment by NAACH Houston and dancing to the music of Password. We would like to thank all of the underwriters, table sponsors, guests and volunteers for setting a new record together!



Adopt A New Teacher!

The Foundation automatically provides every new teacher beginning their teaching career a \$100 gift card to a local teacher supply store to help them outfit their classroom.

Last year, we funded 311 teachers for a total of \$24,803. Please consider adopting a new teacher today for a \$100 donation, in which you can choose the campus. Visit our website at www.fortbendisd.com/foundation to make your donation for the 2016-17 school year.





2016 Schlumberger Education Expedition

On Saturday, April 2, the Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 13th Annual Schlumberger Education Expedition bike ride. As a result of this successful BP MS 150 recommended ride, the Foundation raised over \$31,000 benefiting the Foundation's programs, which provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of

education for all Fort Bend ISD students through its Grants to Teachers and Schools programs.

Rest stops and lunch were staffed by volunteers including teachers and students from FBISD schools. They were vying for the Best Rest Stop award. Ridge Point High School Student Council won the award. Go Panthers!

At the end of the ride, riders were able to enjoy a much deserved lunch catered by Casa de Bravos and Subway, with bottled waters and granola bars provided by Signature Care Emergency Center.



Angels of Education Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

On April 26, the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Angels of Education Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for volunteers. New Auxiliary members were invited to hear about the Foundation's programs and volunteer opportunities. Darling Homes graciously provided lunch and their model home in Sienna Plantation at Sawmill Lakes. The Angels of Education Auxiliary supports the Foundation by providing volunteers and creating community awareness.



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Cakes by Nadine Moon
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Who decides how the money is spent?

The Foundation's Allocation Committee is responsible for the solicitation, review, and acceptance of proposals for projects and programs that will improve and enrich classroom education.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation had awarded over \$30 million to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools.

Where does the money go?

Every school in Fort Bend ISD benefits from the Fort Bend Education Foundation grant programs that train teachers, provide equipment, and offer new instructional experiences to students of all ages. Each year, hundreds of grant proposals are submitted to the Education Foundation. Each proposal undergoes an extensive review process. The number of grants awarded depends upon the amount of money raised through the Education Foundation's annual fundraising events.

2015-2016 Results

- Over \$288,000 was awarded in grants to teachers and schools for the 2015-2016 school year. 185 grants were awarded through our Grants for Teachers and Schools Program.
- 311 teachers beginning their teaching career received a New Teacher Grant from the Foundation for a total of \$24,803.
- \$25,000 was awarded for professional development grants.
- \$38,755 was awarded for two Founders Grants and \$82,036 in pass thru grants.
- Every school in Fort Bend ISD was impacted by the Foundation's programs.
- Our endowment continues to grow, ensuring we can fund future innovative education opportunities.

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Crockett MS (Team Green):

This grant has inspired numerous students to try gardening! The students are so far removed from where their food comes from and this has been a great learning experience for them. Many didn't know that pickles were actually cucumbers! Students now have an appreciation for how a garden is developed and an appreciation for fresh vegetables.

Austin High School (Theater Arts):

Masks have really allowed students to release their inhibitions, and explore new levels in their vocal and physical work. The results are bolder choices in scene work, as well as greater clarity of character.



Oakland Elementary (Biography Parade):

With biography books purchased through this grant, third graders were able to research historical people. Each student dressed up and wrote a speech. A biography parade and living museum was held for the entire school to see.



Oakland Elementary (Recipe for Readers):

Materials purchased through this grant, provided interesting and up-to-date books that were added to guided reading libraries. These books have provided many students at multiple grade levels opportunities to read and make connections to new literature.



Colony Bend Elementary (Mathematics):

Books and manipulatives helped elementary students make meaningful connections with math topics while providing a literacy connection to students' learning.



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