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2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT





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 delighted to present this Annual Report, highlighting our accomplishments and activities during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This past year, we not only met, but exceeded our fundraising goals. FBEF has remained steadfast in its mission to provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students by funding and awarding grants to teachers, campuses, staff development programs, and district-wide initiatives.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors and the tireless efforts of our community volunteers, our signature fundraising events – the 25th Annual Back to School Scramble, the 10th Annual Sugar Shindig, the 32nd Annual Gala, and our inaugural Sink-A-Dink pickleball tournament – enabled us to award over \$805,000 to FBISD teachers and schools through our grant programs.

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of \$16,712, we awarded \$79,835 in Professional Development Grants, and the Foundation managed \$130,818 in Pass Through Grants. As we enter our 33rd year, FBEF has awarded over \$36 million in grants to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools. These grants have a profound impact on every school in Fort Bend ISD.

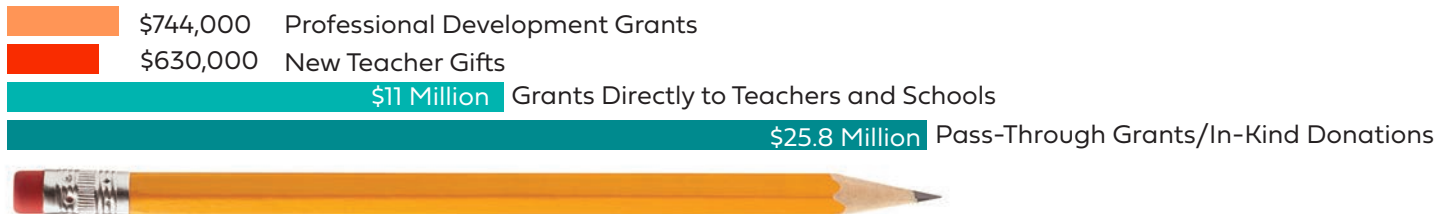
I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported, volunteered, and served our Foundation. Your unwavering friendship, commitment, and dedication are deeply appreciated. It is an honor to serve as your Board President for 2025-2026. On behalf of the FBEF Board of Directors, thank you for your transformative support in enriching the lives of Fort Bend ISD students. We look forward to partnering with you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Crissy Nolen

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President, Fort Bend Education Foundation

TOTAL Contributed Since Inception — Over \$36 Million



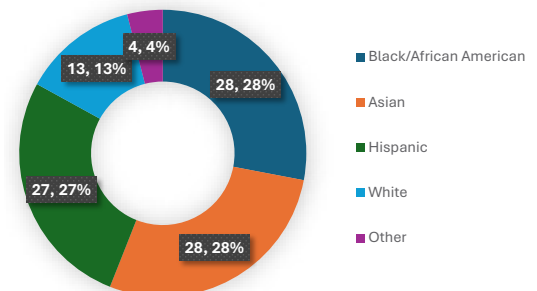
By the Numbers:

- Over **78,000** students enrolled in FBISD
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with over **13,000** full and part-time employees

- FBISD currently has **84** campuses with **25** Title 1 Schools
- 48%** of students are economically disadvantaged

FBISD is a majority-minority school district:

Enrollment by Ethnicity



One of the most diverse school districts in the nation with families speaking more than **120 LANGUAGES**

2025-2026 Events

September 8, 2025
26th Annual Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament
Sweetwater Country Club

October 24, 2025
11th Annual Sugar Shindig
Safari Texas

March 7, 2026
34th Annual Gala
Houston Marriott Sugar Land

April 10, 2026
2nd Annual Sink-a-Dink Pickleball Tournament



FOUNDATION EVENTS

25TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL SCRAMBLE

Presented by Pfluger Architects

Success "fore" Education!

The 25th Annual Fort Bend Education Foundation's Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament took place on September 9th at Sweetwater Country Club and was chaired by Greene Hendon and Ryan McCauley. Thanks to the generosity of this year's participants, the event netted **\$135,540** for Grants to Teachers and Schools. The 253 golfers who played in the tournament enjoyed breakfast from Chick-fil-A and an awards luncheon at the end of the day.



SUGAR SHINDIG 2024

Sugar Shindig was a SWEET Success!

Presented by Jacobs

The 10th Anniversary Sugar Shindig had over 750 guests attend and netted **\$59,832** for FBISD teachers and schools! Thanks to everyone who came out to shimmy, shake and eat cake! Congratulations to Malala ES on having the highest attendance for ES, Fort Settlement MS for highest attendance for secondary, and to Goodman ES for the highest percentage in attendance!



(L-R) Primary Principal of the Year, Dr. Felicia Bolden; Secondary Teacher of the Year, Sierra Joseph; Auxiliary President, Michelle DeMora; FBISD Superintendent, Dr. Marc Smith; Auxiliary VP of Special Projects, Natasha Jackson; Secondary Principal of the Year, Dr. Elizabeth Williams; and FBEF Executive Director, Hillary Dunn.



FOUNDATION EVENTS

THE FORT BEND EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GALA

Up, Up and Away

A Night of Magic and Generosity

Presented by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP

The Fort Bend Education Foundation's 32nd Annual Gala, held on March 1st at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land, soared to new heights with its theme, *Up, Up and Away*. The evening perfectly embodied the spirit of "open heart, open mind, open sky," inspiring guests to share their enthusiasm and generosity in support of Fort Bend ISD students.



Gala Co-chairs

Honorary Gala Chair, Brenna Cosby and Co-chairs Syndee Howgate and Kelly Jensen are thrilled to announce that the Gala grossed an impressive **\$499,000**, all dedicated to enriching and enhancing the educational experiences of students across the district.



Gala Committee



Gala Committee Chairs

Through its grant process, the Foundation impacts every school in Fort Bend ISD, empowering teachers and students with invaluable resources to thrive.

The night was nothing short of magical. Attendees, dressed in white, mingled under the stars, resembling fluffy clouds floating on a sea of excitement. The venue's decor transported everyone to a sky of endless possibilities. The silent auction and bid board featured exclusive, one-of-a-kind treasures, tempting bidders to reach for the stars. Guests were treated to an exquisite dining experience beneath a stunning twilight canopy before being swept away by the live auction, emceed by Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The evening culminated with an unforgettable celebration on the dance floor, with the band Password providing the perfect soundtrack for an evening of joy and camaraderie.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the generous supporters who made "Up, Up and Away" such a soaring success. A special congratulations goes to the Fort Bend ISD students and teachers who will directly benefit from the funds raised at this memorable event.

Mark your calendars for the next Fort Bend Education Foundation Gala, set for March 7, 2026, as we look forward to another night of celebration, community, and impact.



Gala Underwriters



ADOPT A NEW TEACHER

The Fort Bend Education Foundation provides New Teacher Gifts to teachers just beginning their careers. They are given a gift card to help them to outfit their classrooms from day one.

This year we funded 300 new teachers for a total of \$16,712.

Please consider adopting a new teacher by donating today. If you donate \$100 or more, you may choose the campus. Visit our website at www.fortbendisd.com/foundation to make your donation for the 2025-2026 school year.





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FOUNDATION EVENTS

2025 1ST ANNUAL SINK-A-DINK PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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Our first annual Sink-a-Dink Pickleball Tournament was a smashing success with over 120 picklers playing in our beginner and intermediate/advanced brackets. The event took place at the Pickleball Country Club and was chaired by Gena Horak and Mindy Cabble. Thanks to all the players, underwriters and donors, the event raised **\$23,663** in support of our Grants to Teachers and Schools programs, which provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students.



Sink-a-Dink Committee



Players enjoyed lunch, generously donated by Firehouse Subs in Sugar Land.



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The FBEF Auxiliary supports the Foundation by providing volunteers and creating community awareness. The Auxiliary hosts the Annual Sugar Shindig and its members volunteer at various events, including the Campus News Coordinator Reception and the Donor Reception.



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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 awarded grants depends upon the amount of money raised through the Education Foundation's annual fundraising events.

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GRANTS IN ACTION

Bhuchar Elementary

Grant: Put Your Thinking Cap on Station Rotation

Learning math can be fun! Just ask third graders at Bhuchar Elementary. With funding for her "Put Your Thinking Cap on Station Rotation" grant, teacher Delicia Arnic purchased educational games to reinforce math concepts (such as place value, measurement and fractions) taught in the curriculum. The games allow students to collaborate and engage with peers in a fun way. As the students rotate between stations, they are building essential math, communication and problem-solving skills.

Madden Elementary

Grant: Let's make a POINT to start Strong in Letter Formation

Kindergarteners at Madden Elementary are learning proper letter formation thanks to teacher Ruth Schmalz, who received \$1,449 to fund her "Let's make a POINT to start Strong in Letter Formation" grant. She ordered sets of Trace & Write magnetic boards for students to use in the literacy stations. Students trace letters with their fingers, then use a stylus to write the letter on the board's surface. They practice repeatedly while working independently to strengthen their literacy skills!

Sartartia Middle School

Grant: Lights, Camera, Action

Students at Sartartia Middle School are preparing for future roles in broadcasting! Their teacher Supriya Jha received a \$4,999 school site grant to fund her "Lights, Camera, Action" project. Her students are benefiting from the use of new cameras and broadcasting equipment that support hands-on learning experiences in video production, editing, podcast development and creation of other authentic works!

Reese Career and Technical Center

Grant: Geek Power Unleashed with Computer Building Kits

Knowledge of technology is essential today and teachers at the Reese CTC are ensuring that students grow their IT skills. With funding for their "Geek Power Unleashed with Computer Building Kits" grant, teachers Uwe Meyer and Charles Farr are helping students become proficient in building desktop computers. The students are even configuring Local Area Networks, and showcasing their skills at districtwide events (such as StemFest, CTE Expo and middle school Career Days).

