



Oak Ridge Public Schools
Education Foundation
Enhancing public school education

Dear Donors, Parents, Teachers and Friends:

Last year we celebrated 15 years of enhancing public school education in Oak Ridge. We continue to delight in and build upon the successes of our past as we head into 2017 with a newly invigorated strategic plan focusing on outreach, leadership, educational infrastructure, innovation, and as always, excellence.

In the enclosed report, you will see an updated timeline of progress which would not be possible without generous contributions by donors such as you. You might recall the launching of our current teachers' grants campaign. You will be proud to know that since 2005 our community has worked together to donate over \$805,000 to impact our students directly. As part of our new strategic plan, the teacher grants program will continue annually as "Classroom Partnerships," building on our history of success stories.

From the founding of the Education Foundation through today, your generosity continues to enable us to faithfully fulfill our mission of "enhancing, promoting, and supporting the public schools of Oak Ridge and their students." Increasing expectations and challenges in education, including a 2016 Oak Ridge Schools census identifying 53.7% of the students as economically disadvantaged, make the supportive role of the Foundation ever more critical.

The progress we have made and goals we have set are only possible through the continued generous support of businesses and individuals like you. We believe in the benefits of a superior public education for each child and for our community. We hope you will continue to partner with us to extend our proud history of contributing to excellence in public education. Your donation is an investment in education of the highest quality for our children.

Sincerely,

Jessica Steed, Executive Director

Thom Mason, Board Chairman

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While Looking Forward to
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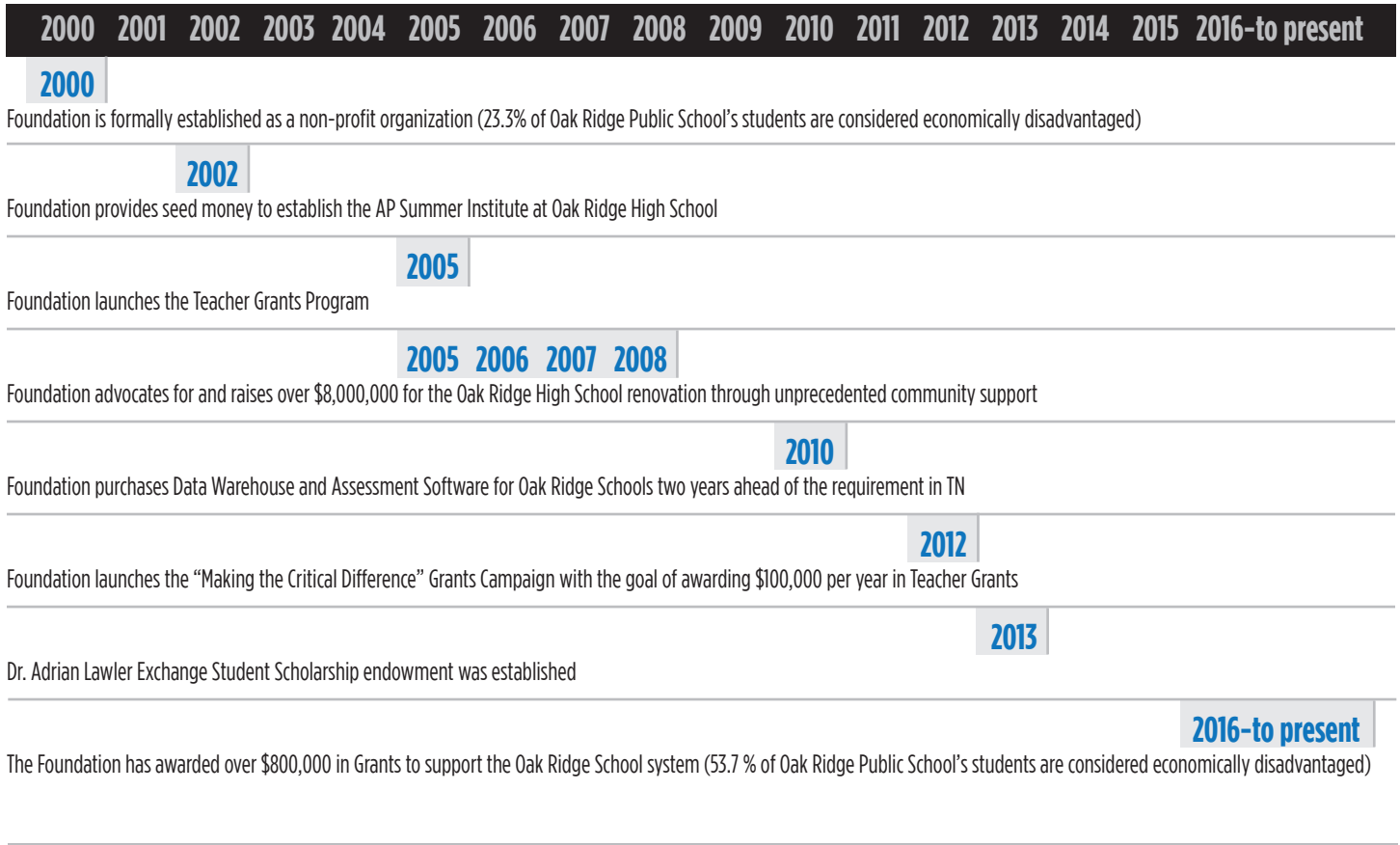
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Celebrating our past ... a timeline of success:



Looking Forward to Our Future: Newly Adopted Strategic Plan

Outreach:

Create and shape an environment that drives collaborative partnerships through the Foundation's Board that can influence our vision through communication, outreach, and public education advocacy by recruiting and retaining key Board Members.

Leadership:

Leverage the unique education and workforce development influence, energy, and expertise of the Foundation's Board by maintaining a constructive Board environment.

Educational Infrastructure:

Optimize a Board infrastructure to be adaptive and responsive to anticipated transformative events and future demands in public education by pro-actively leading the way in education in East Tennessee.

Innovation:

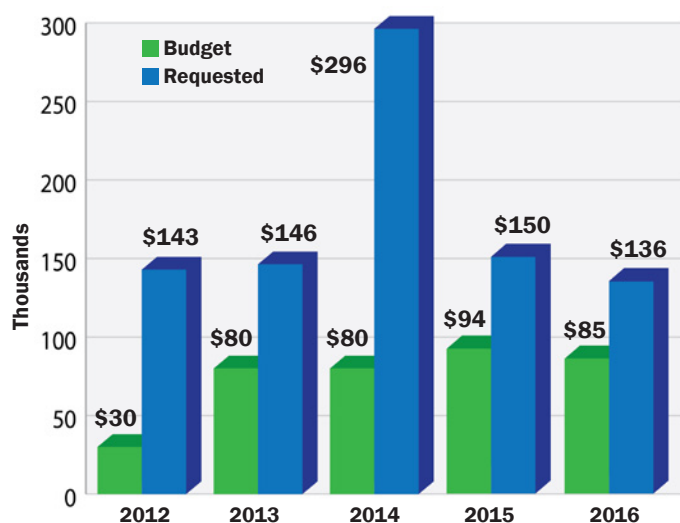
Enable innovative and creative leadership that drives the growth of educational experiences and resources for the K-12 student population by offering a compelling and mutually beneficial value proposition.

Excellence:

Advance the value of the Foundation's collaborative efforts through successful application of our Guiding Principles to shape a better environment for public education in East Tennessee.

Making the Critical Difference

In the spring of 2012, the Foundation began a campaign to raise \$500,000 in donations over five years to enhance public school education by providing \$100,000 in grants, annually available to all teachers in all of Oak Ridge's Public Schools. The campaign provides one-time grants to teachers for resources designed to enhance learning for students in Pre-K through high school. The grants, most of which are in the range of \$3,000 - \$4,000, are awarded each spring on a competitive basis in response to proposals submitted by teachers and approved by the school administration and the Foundation Board.



The Foundation's grant program has generated infectious interest among teachers. They feel the grants provide them additional resources which enhance student learning and performance. Although the Foundation has provided more than \$800,000 in grants since 2005, this amount has funded only about one-third of the submitted proposals.

Education is Oak Ridge's most valuable asset. Helping our teachers make the critical difference for their students is one of the most important things we can do to sustain the quality of our schools.

Seeing the Critical Difference

(\$84,802 awarded in 2016)

Oak Ridge Preschool

Get Ready to Explore Stem (Margaret Johnston)



Glenwood Elementary School

STEM Camp 2.0 (Amelia Bell, Lauren Blair, & Gwen Harrell)



Linden Elementary School

Stemming the summer reading slide with a 21st Century Solution (Ginger Adams & Lisa Buckner)



Willow Brook Elementary School

Movin' with Multiplication (Ashley Branson & Andrew McDonald)



Woodland Elementary School

STEM Interactive Materials Project, Phase 2 (Susie Carden, Kim Howard, Michael Martin, & Evan Parker)

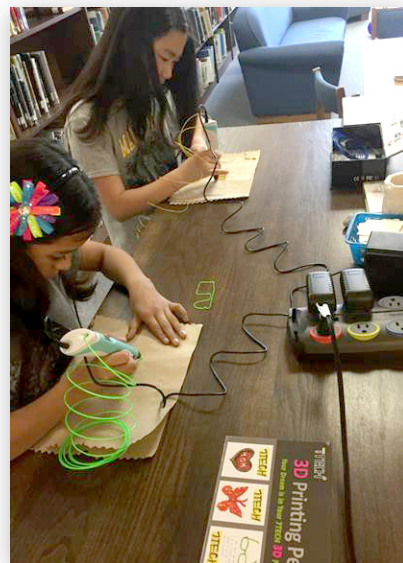


Jefferson Middle School

Student Showcase Panels (Jim Dodson)



Eagle Labs' Makerspace Phase II (Emily Haverkamp & Heather Henderlight)



Aquaponics in the Classroom (Julie McCullough)



ActivTable for CDC classroom (Lexie Scott)



"These funds will significantly help us reach our many ongoing educational goals."

- Mrs. Howard, STEM Coach and teacher at Woodland

Teachers Training Teachers GIS (Brian Smith)



Robertsville Middle School

Listen Up (David Goforth & Mariah Kidwell)



Tech Titans (Mardee Miller & David Scott)

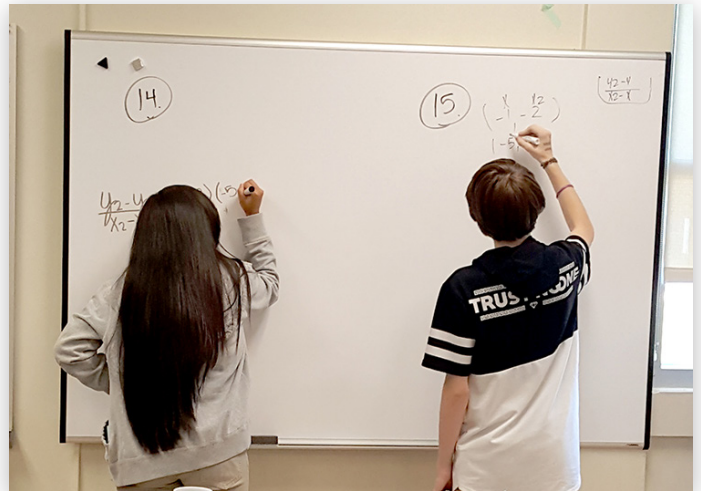


"The ORPSEF grants respond to direct observations of teachers regarding their students and are sparked by teachers' ideas. They have allowed teachers to bring movement into math class, more closely examine microscopic life, bring technology into the classroom in interesting ways, support students' musical aspirations, and so much more. The Education Foundation allows teachers' ideas to turn into classroom realities."

- Dr. Tracey Beckendorf-Edou

Oak Ridge High School

White Boards Draw the Way to Success (Christina Henry)



Professional Bass Clarinet (Spence Milligan)



Sound System Upgrades for the Performing Arts Center (Vidal Moreno)



Visualizing Mathematics in Our 3D World (Deanna Pickel)



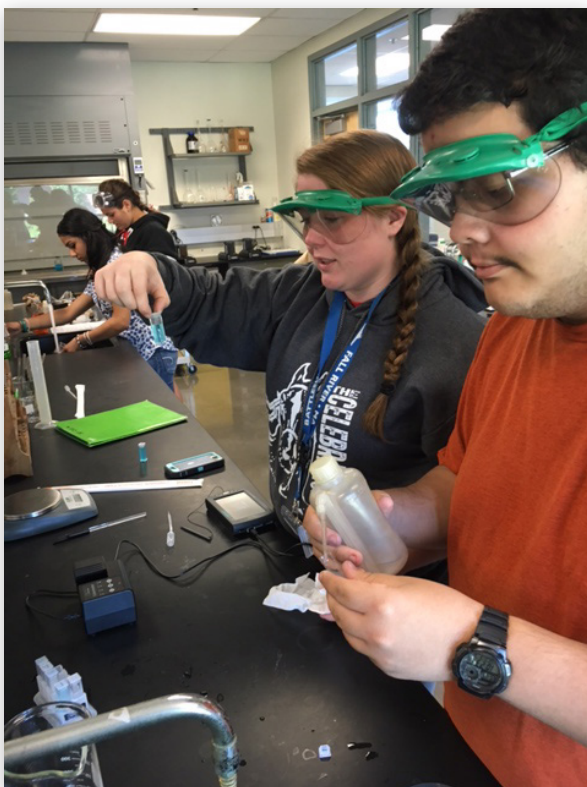
"Thank you for giving myself and my students another way to make learning fun and meaningful."

- Ms. Branson, teacher at Willow Brook

Outdoor Learning Classroom (Will Waterson)



Probeware: Making the Unseen Make Sense (Sharon Thomas)



"Your generosity continues to strengthen our students' abilities to interact with their academic and personal development."

- Mr. Adams, Principal at Robertsville

Middle and High School
Robotics Grant



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For more information or to make a donation please visit our website at www.orpsef.org or contact:

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