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Dear Friends of Public Education,

While our public schools face a myriad of challenges in Southern Nevada, we know that more than 300,000 students and 18,000 educators show up every day with one shared goal - to ensure every student is prepared for success in college and career.

The Public Education Foundation is 100% committed to supporting our students, families, and educators in pursuit of this goal. This year, we rallied substantial public and private investment in partnership with supporters like you, including:

- Awarding a record $5 million in scholarships to more than 700 students through our Scholarships Plus program.
- Providing $1.1 million in supplies at our PEF Teacher Superstore, helping to ensure all children have access to quality instructional materials.
- Kicking off a new Teacher Pathway program to create a local, diverse, committed pipeline of educators to address our teacher shortage crisis, especially in schools with the greatest need.

In the coming year, we will expand our scholarship opportunities for students to remove financial barriers to post-secondary education. No teacher should have to pay out-of-pocket to create an engaging classroom, so we will explore opportunities to provide even more school supplies and materials for free. And we will build new community partnerships to swiftly respond to the teacher shortage crisis so that every student has access to a quality classroom teacher.

With your continued support, we will continue to invest wisely in programs that meet the immediate needs of our public schools. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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About the Public Education Foundation

For more than 30 years, the Public Education Foundation has united the community to inspire support for our public schools.

Vision
A community united to ensure every public school student in Clark County can succeed.

Mission
The Public Education Foundation partners with the community and the Clark County School District to meet immediate, critical education needs that will strengthen our public schools.
Public Education Foundation Programs

Thanks to our many community partners, we work to ensure every public school student in Clark County can succeed through the following programs:

Scholarships Plus
Teacher Pathway
PEF Teacher Superstore
Artists with Kids
Other Programs Supporting Our Schools
Thanks to our donors, PEF has helped thousands of high school seniors and college-enrolled students pursue their dreams of attending college or vocational school. The Scholarships Plus program serves as a central location for students to apply for hundreds of scholarships, providing opportunities for the resilient student who overcame obstacles, the high school athlete, the student inspired by 1 October to become a first responder, and so many more.

We awarded a record-breaking $5 million in scholarship funds to more than 700 students during the 2021-2022 scholarship cycle. 54% of PEF Scholarships Plus recipients are first-generation college students. On average, PEF Scholarships Plus recipients were awarded $6,870 in scholarships.

The Charles and Phyllis Frias Legacy Scholarship awarded $900,000 to students in 2022.
The PEF Teacher Superstore, formerly the Teacher EXCHANGE, provides school supplies to teachers to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses. These supplies are then distributed to students who often can’t afford them. For a $26 donation, teachers receive supplies worth up to $500. This program is a critical way for our community to demonstrate our support for teachers and encourage them to remain in the classroom. This year, the PEF Teacher Superstore celebrated 20 years of supporting students and educators by opening its new, freeway-accessible location at 6001 S. Decatur Boulevard, Suite D. The program also expanded its reach by partnering with local organizations in Reno and rural Clark County to provide supplies to educators in those areas.
This year we launched the Teacher Pathway program in partnership with CCSD, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the College of Southern Nevada, and others as one solution to the teacher shortage crisis. Teacher Pathway pairs master educators with current CCSD support professionals who largely work in our most underserved schools to help them overcome obstacles to their dreams of becoming teachers. Mentees are prepared for teacher education programs, including applying for financial aid, understanding the time requirements, arranging for childcare and transportation, identifying mental health supports, test preparation, etc. Teacher Pathway will provide mentees a life-changing salary increase and fill classrooms with diverse, qualified teachers.

PEF identified 96 paraprofessionals who largely work in schools with the most acute teacher shortages, and 76% of them identify as coming from a diverse background.

We paired mentees with 50 master educators who provide individualized support to overcome barriers to becoming teachers.

74% of mentees surveyed say they have the tools and resources to achieve their professional goal of becoming a teacher.
Artists with Kids

Artists with Kids inspires CCSD students to express their creativity and foster a lifelong engagement in the arts by creating experiences that connect them with community artists. This year, local artists provided group coaching for students who participated in our concert at The Smith Center, exhibited their artwork throughout the community, and curated art shows.

We hosted two student art shows curated by student interns in partnership with the Rogers Studio Gallery.

139 community members were connected with student artwork.

250 CCSD students will realize their dream of performing on the world-class stage at The Smith Center at the Holiday Extravaganza in December.
Supporting Our Schools

In partnership with the Clark County School District, PEF helps guide effective investments in education to meet critical needs of our students, families, and educators. As the needs of our public schools change, we continue to adapt to provide essential support.

CCSD Educators of the Year Awards
CCSD and PEF partnered to recognize CCSD team members for their commitment to supporting students throughout our community. Employees from across the District nominated their colleagues who demonstrate exceptional performance and dedication to student achievement for the annual CCSD Educators of the Year Awards. PEF was proud to honor the Teacher, Principal, Support Professional, and Central Administrator of the Year at The Golden Apple Gala in 2022.

Family and Community Engagement Course
Facilitating strong partnerships between families and educators is vital as our schools recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic. During the 2021-2022 school year, PEF’s professional development course empowered 1,050 educators with tools to improve family connections to the classroom.
Key Supporters

Thank you to our key donors and partners who have invested in our public schools through the Public Education Foundation.

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