ABOUT US

What we do

Since 2000, The Schools Foundation works to create higher expectations and widespread community support, leading to world-class performance of principals, teachers and students on behalf of the public schools across Madison County in a unified effort. Through signature programs, educational advocacy, career fairs, monetary donations, and more, the schools foundation supports:

- continued interaction with local and state boards of education and education leaders and serve as a vehicle for individuals and businesses to support public education.

The Foundation serves as an education advocate and provides a central voice for individuals and businesses to support public education.

From the Executive Director

2018 was an exciting year full of challenges and successes for those keeping an eye on public education in our community and in Alabama. As the executive director, I take pride in the conversations and actions, many fostered by this organization, to support our schools.

Last year we remained focused on providing professional development, learning opportunities, and support for our principals and teachers – a direct impact on student success. We continued investments in rigorous AP courses and expanded partnerships focused on summer learning – a key to student success.

We made our first gift to each district from our endowment to support our schools.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fleming
Executive Director
HOW YOU CAN HELP

You really can impact the future of our local school districts! Whether acting as an individual or part of a civic or corporate group, monetary donations are always welcome. Here are some easy ways to help:

SIGN UP TO ROUND UP

Your pocket change has never been so powerful!

Round your Huntsville Utilities bill up to the nearest dollar, and that amount will go directly to The Schools Foundation. The maximum contribution per year is under $12!

Sign up on the Huntsville Utilities website: hsvutil.org/roundup.

DONATE TO THE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Schools Foundation relies on the generosity of individuals and corporate partners to deliver quality programming. Your support funds for professional development for teachers, school leaders, and students allowing us to respond to the school district needs.

Want to make a gift for the future? Consider a gift to The Schools Foundation Endowment Fund. This fund is a permanent, long-term source of capital that will provide a foundation of financial support for students in perpetuity.

Visit theschoolsfoundation.org to make a donation.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Every May we celebrate our teachers! Today’s teachers are the key to our community’s success. As a thank you to the thousands of teachers in our community, many local businesses agree to offer discounts on their goods and services for the month (or specified duration of time). Interested in more, contact us!

CAREER FAIR

The Annual College and Career Fair welcomes thousands of high school juniors and seniors to explore many options for life beyond graduation. Your company, college or civic group’s participation helps these future leaders expand their horizons to see what opportunities are available.

The Fair is typically held in early September. Call 256-535-2080 to learn how you can be involved!

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Principally Speaking Network (PSN)

PSN provides a professional development forum for cross-district collaboration, problem solving, and place to share effective leadership practices. Through collaborative sessions, participants use protocols and current research to identify specific practices that improve student achievement in their schools. In 2018: more than 200 school leaders from 20 school districts participated in three days of learning.

Principal Leadership Academy (PLA)

PLA is a leadership development program for principals in their first to third year leading a school. Participants meet regularly and take a deep dive into school leadership and community resources available to their schools. 2nd cohort includes 24 principals from 8 school districts for five days of learning.

Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL)

SAIL is a collective impact project that works to overcome summer learning loss. It brings funders together with program providers, the three local school districts, TSF, and the Community Foundation to work collaboratively to improve student outcomes. SAIL expanded from three sites serving nearly 200 students in 2017 to six sites serving over 500 students across Madison County in 2018. SAIL students across Madison County averaged 0.9 months of reading gains and 0.6 months of math gains during the summer of 2018 with some programs averaging over 3 months of reading gains and over 3 months of math gains as opposed to the summer slide.

A+ College Ready

A+ College Ready is in all high schools (13) and empowers Advanced Placement (AP) teachers through a results driven AP training program. In 2018, TSF gave $5,000 per high school to support National Math Science Initiative teacher training, Saturday Prep Sessions and Mock exams for students increasing the number of qualifying scores.

HOW THE FUNDS ARE UTILIZED

Revenue

- 46% Corporate
- 30% Government Grants
- 12% Sign Up to Round Up
- 5% Individual Gifts
- 6% Events

Expenses

- 77.2% Programs
- 14% Management
- 9% Fundraising/Marketing

Based on FYE 6/30/2018

ADVOCACY

TSF provides a central voice for engagement on the current issues impacting public schools across Madison County. We are committed to continuous interaction with local and state boards of education and system leaders.

TSF Endowment:
The TSF Endowment ended 2018 with $305,000 in assets. In 2018, the Endowment granted $2,500 to each school district to sponsor teachers for National Board Certification. National Board Certification for teachers is a priority for each system and provides teachers with rigorous, high quality professional development that culminates in certification that carries a high level of national respect and prestige.

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