



SUSSEX SCHOOL

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

115
STUDENTS



\$140K
RAISED FOR THE ANNUAL FUND

\$64K
GIVEN IN DESIGNATED GIFTS



\$242K
AWARDED IN ASSISTANCE
& SCHOLARSHIPS

36%

of families received some sort of
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SUSSEX FINANCIALS



INCOME

- 76% Tuition and Fees
- 10% Other Investment Income
- 9% Donations Unrestricted
- 4% Donations Restricted
- 1% Other Income

EXPENSES

- 65% Instructional Programming
- 18% Administration and Development
- 11% Facilities
- 4% Other Investment Expenses
- 2% Other Expenses



ASSETS

Cash Accounts	\$	318,470
Endowments	\$	1,155,236
Property & Equipment	\$	2,424,186

Total \$ **3,897,892**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Payables	\$	13,089
Temp Restricted Donations	\$	52,933
Enrollment Deposits	\$	87,765
Long Term Debt	\$	526,009
Equity/Net Assets	\$	3,218,096

Total \$ **3,897,892**

THE ANNUAL FUND & DESIGNATED GIFTS

Generosity creates the capacity for an incredible educational experience.

\$5,000 AND UP

The Kurt Berliner Foundation
Tracy McDonald
Merlin Foundation
The Ruth Pruitt Phillips Foundation
Molly Shannon
Bente & Don Winston

\$1,000-\$4,999

Diedra Bethune & Alan Hoyt
Daphne & Michael Braun
Sheena Comer Winterer & Drew Winterer
Marcia & Ron Conway
Amy Duerk
Marin & Charles Felz
The Good Food Store
Leigh Griffing & Ryan Snyder
Sharon & William Harris
Katherine, Chance, Sloane, & Schuyler Heath
Shannon Hilliard & Dave Craig
Jen Hurley & Nick Kujawa
Ink Realty Group
Meri & Tom Kulina
Diana & Rick Nash
Nathan P. Jacobs Foundation
Marvie & Roly Redmond
Steve Saroff
Lennie & Jim Shannon
Uncle Larry's Fund
Jessica & Brandt Welborn
Esther & Joel Weltman
Lisa & Dave Whitcomb
Eleanor & Frederick Winston
Francisca Winston & Karlton Gross
Linda & Tor Winston

\$500-\$999

Alpine Veterinary Care PC
Marcy & Phil Bornstein
Jeffrey Chandor
Patricia Cosgrove
James Dearborn
Nicole & Matthew Dente
Kate Duran & George Laufenberg
Andrew Edelstein
Gayle Gellerstedt & William Funk
Green Light Apparel & Home
John Griffing
Barbara Grillo
D'Et & Will Heffington
Georgia Kightlinger
Jodi & Brett Kulina
Martha & David Lubaroff
Holly Rollins & Pat Corrick
Sarah Schram
Dr. Seldin & Ms. Witham
Joellen Shannon & Bobby Grillo
Sabrina Smith & Jacob Selman
Sandy & Mason Snow
Kimley Cox Svendsen
Julie & Andrew Tegeder
Chloe Warner
Martha Williams
Victoria Winterer

\$100-\$499

Ange & Matt Anderson
Dr. R. Clifton Bailey
Linda Bailey & David Bixby
Coco & Will Ballew
Hallie & Walter Banziger

"As a teacher, I am astounded by my colleagues, how they all stepped up, dug in, and embraced on-line learning with creativity and dedication. Even though we were apart last spring, I feel this experience brought the Sussex staff closer together. I also reveled in seeing the cute grins of students every morning and watching their eyes light up at some new experiment or challenge for the week. We all continued to practice resilience during these times and leaned on each others' gifts. Sussex School is truly a special community. I am very grateful to be a part of it."

- Carrie Harper, 3rd/4th grade teacher

Betty & Bruce Bell
 Susan & Bill Boehner
 Jordie Bornstein
 Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, P.C.
 Alex Braun
 Angela Brooker
 Clara Brunner Johnson & Ryan Johnson
 Jill & Tim Carmody
 Susan & Baxter Davis
 Jill Demers & Jay Garland
 Christy & Morgan Deskins
 Kristina & Lewis Dortch
 Chris Edgar
 Edward Jones
 Jenny Ellis & Seth Wilson
 Jeanne Ensign
 Fact & Fiction
 Richard & Suzanne Fahey
 Gillian Fetz & Mark Edgell
 Lynda & Keith Fichtner
 First Security Bank
 Elizabeth & Mark Fricke
 Robyn & Will Gaddy
 Arlis & Frank Gardner
 Granite Peak Orthodontics
 Weber Greiser & Mary Langenderfer
 Steve & Leslie Guerreri
 Linda & Steve Hampton
 Gloria Handel
 Lisa & Paul Hendricks
 John Hughes
 Kelsey & Ben Jimenez
 Tina Karlsson & Peter Benson
 Patty Kelly & Steve Peterson
 Ali & Myles Kelly
 Julie Kightlinger & Chris Bryant

Stephanie Lathrop & Scott Wetzel
 Beth & Paul Loehnen
 Helena Maclay & John Larson
 Cale & Katie Marthens
 Gilbert McCurdy
 John Menson
 Merrill Lynch KLO Group
 Amanda & Andy Miller
 Kenneth Miller
 Susan & Charles Miller
 Montana Outdoor Educators Association
 Montana Snowbowl
 Kyle Morris
 Office Solutions & Services
 Sam & Lili Panarella
 Dawn & Tim Payne
 PayneWest
 Merion & Susan Pelham
 Michele & Marcus Puiggari
 Michelle & David Rechtman
 Ona Renner & Eamon Fahey
 Republic Services
 J. Anne & Joe Roberts
 Martha Roberts
 Roemer's point S
 Madelyn & Marc Semanoff
 Amy Sennett Starner
 Melissa Matassa-Stone & Coby Stone
 Sandi Tarr
 Gray & Eloise Thompson
 Stephanie Wallace
 Jessica Weltman & Matt Semanoff
 Dorothy & John Whiston
 Charley Wilkerson & Greg Hume
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 Eugene Yates



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ENDOWMENT FUNDS



Over the years, Sussex School has been the recipient of generous bequests and other major donations. The School has invested these funds in an endowment, which is separated into distinct funds. The income generated from these investments is awarded in the form of educational grants to our staff and parents who apply on an annual basis. Below are funds and what general projects they funded last year.

Bente Winston Alumni Scholarship Fund

Provided tuition assistance to two alumni families.



Don and Bente Winston Endowment for Mathematics Education

Funded materials for K–8th-grade math supplies and curriculum support and supported "Educating About Sound," a summer camp focused on physics, music, ecosystems, and mathematics.

Elizabeth Winston Endowment Fund for Music Education

Funded a social-movement course for our third and fourth-grade students, purchased equipment to run sound on stage, repaired numerous instruments in the music program, and supported the "Educating About Sound" summer camp.



Elizabeth Winston Memorial Endowment Fund for Art Education

Provided a year of art supplies for K–8th grade and supported the social-movement program in third and fourth-grades.

Hank and Nancy Harrington Memorial Endowment Fund

Funded the Visiting Poet in the Classroom program for seventh and eighth graders and the Earth Within Girls program for fifth and sixth-grade girls.

Lauranita Hill Memorial Fund for Language Arts Education

Funded French curriculum and participation in Battle of the Books.

Sussex Endowment for Professional Development

Funded a High Trust training for staff and STEM curriculum development for Betsy Craske.



Theodora Melone Fund for Natural Science and Outdoor Education

Funded a citizen science project in STEM for fifth through eighth-grades.

LEARNING IN A PANDEMIC

Dear Sussex School Supporter,

The 2019/20 school year was a year like no other. Our lives were upended and transformed in ways we never imagined. Although we mourn what we have lost, we find hope, resiliency, strength, and opportunity through this pandemic.

In March, immediately following spring break, we closed our campus and moved to remote learning for all our students. To the credit of our hard-working and flexible staff, we moved our entire K-8th grade school online in short order. Together, teachers and students learned how to build a community remotely. Teachers pivoted, stretched, and pushed themselves to find new methods of teaching. Students learned through synchronous and asynchronous methods, Google classroom, and Zoom. Although we all missed being together on campus, we created an online experience that was interesting, consistent, flexible, and progressive. We graduated our resilient eighth-graders and set our sights on the year ahead.

Now, we continue to move through the pandemic, but unlike so many other schools, we are learning together, on-campus, with masks and safety protocols to help mitigate risk. We feel so fortunate to learn in person, despite its many challenges. With every day that passes, we learn more about the virus, ourselves, our colleagues, and our students, and we take a deep breath under our masks and find the silver linings that abound.

With gratitude,
Joellen Shannon, Administrative Director





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OUR MISSION is to provide a challenging, progressive curriculum in a nurturing environment, so that students can become confident, enthusiastic learners and caring participants in their local and global communities.

