

# Portland Education Foundation

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2016-2017



**PEF**  
PORTLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Supporting Portland Public Schools



# Welcome to Portland Education Foundation's Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

We are pleased to present Portland Education Foundation's (PEF) accomplishments and investments, and share with you the value and magic of community philanthropy in Portland's public schools.

During the 2016–2017 school year, community philanthropy sent students to the Portland Museum of Art, Portland Stage, Portland Ovarions and the Portland Symphony Orchestra through a program called Culture Club–Portland. Foundation grants put breakfast on the table for every student at Hall School. And, contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations made the PEF Teacher Grants Program possible, which invests up to \$1,000 per applicant in efforts to innovate and enhance student experience in and out of the classroom.



PEF works to generate community support for Portland's public schools. Resources are invested either through PEF programming, or direct to the school district in support of non-budgeted priorities.

We welcome your input and support. Please contact either one of us if you'd like to get involved in efforts to strengthen public schools through community investment.

Sincerely,  
Mary Bennett & Kate Snyder  
*Board President & Executive Director*

## PEF's Goals are Educational Enrichment, Classroom Innovation, and Community Engagement

### FY17 FINANCIALS INCOME & EXPENSES

#### INCOME

Restricted	\$362,281
Unrestricted	<u>\$35,739</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$398,020</b>
In Kind Contributions	<u>\$23,370</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$421,390</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Teacher Grants	\$53,937
Culture Club–Portland	\$226,000
Summer Innovation Grants	\$10,160
Maine Audubon Grants	\$5,000
Universal Breakfast at Hall School	\$24,000
PPS Comprehensive Plan Marketing	\$25,000
PPS Cultural Competency Training	\$13,500
PEF Competition Grants	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>\$359,097</b>
Administrative:	
Operations & Management	\$18,109
In Kind Expenses	<u>\$23,370</u>
<b>Administrative Subtotal</b>	<b>\$41,479</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$400,576</b>

**\$421,390**  
Raised for Portland  
Public Schools!

## PEF | About Us

Portland Education Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization. The PEF Board of Directors and staff works closely with Portland Public Schools to ensure alignment of resources with educational priorities. Board members serve on committees, together with non-board member volunteers, to advance the work of the foundation. We are grateful to the many individuals, businesses and foundations whose support strengthens public education in Portland.

## PEF | Mission

Portland Education Foundation's mission is to raise philanthropic support to enhance educational opportunities for present and future students in Portland's public schools.

## PEF | Vision

PEF's vision is to strengthen public schools through community investments.

## PEF | Board of Directors

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Xavier Botana

## Message From the Superintendent

One of the most impressive things about Portland is the community's commitment to its public schools. The Portland community is generous and understands that even with tax dollars there are many unmet needs in our schools. That is why community investment in public education is important and appreciated. It's often what supports an educator's ambition to go beyond, innovate, and enhance learning experiences for students.



I believe that the investments in the PEF Teacher Grants Program, Culture Club–Portland, and several other initiatives over the past year have made significant and positive impacts for both students and teachers. I look forward to working with my board colleagues and all of the Portland community to build on these successes.

Xavier Botana

*Superintendent of Portland Public Schools*





# PEF's Vision is to Strengthen Public Schools



## **PEF Teacher Grants Program** **\$54,000**

PEF Teacher Grants support teacher-led enhancements, innovations, projects and enrichment. PEF funds everything from books, technology and equipment to field trips, guest speakers and more. The grant program is administered once a year, in the fall. Grants up to \$1,000 are awarded to individual teachers. Groups of teachers working together can apply individually for multiple grants, each up to \$1,000, that will benefit the same proposal.

## **Culture Club–Portland** **\$226,000**

Culture Club–Portland is a public-private partnership between the Portland Museum of Art, Portland Stage, Portland Ovarions, the Portland Symphony Orchestra and Portland Public Schools. Grounded in the vision of the original patron, Culture Club–Portland endeavors to give every K-12 student in Portland's public schools access to and experience with Portland's professional arts programming. Culture Club–Portland makes arts programming an integral part of the public education experience in Portland. Unlike a one-off field trip, Culture Club–Portland programming aligns with PPS curriculum to enrich and deepen student learning.



## **PEF Summer Innovation Grants for Teachers** **\$10,160**

The PEF Summer Innovation Grants for Teachers Program supports teachers who want to work alone or in groups over the summer months in order to explore and advance new ideas or approaches to student learning. Summer Innovation Grants for Teachers support time and work that would not otherwise be funded in the PPS Annual Budget. PEF piloted this program in 2016 at Peaks Island Elementary School with a \$2,500 award. The PEF Board of Directors decided to expand the program in 2017 with grants awarded to Longfellow Elementary School, Casco Bay High School and Portland Adult Education.

# Schools Through Community Investment

## **PEF Competition Grants \$1,500**

PEF Competition Grants support student academic teams which advance beyond local and regional competitions. For example, PEF has supported Odyssey of the Mind Teams from both Lyman Moore Middle and Lyseth Elementary Schools, as well as the Sea Perch team from King Middle School. To-date, the PEF Competition Grants Program has responded to solicitations. In 2018, PEF plans to administer a grant program with an online application available to all school communities.



Photo courtesy of Ariana van den Akker/  
Maine Audubon

## **Maine Audubon Grants for Teachers \$5,000**

The Maine Audubon Grants for Teachers Pilot Program offered funding to Portland Public Schools teachers who sought to engage students with Maine Audubon programming during the 2017–2018 school year. A robust partnership between Maine Audubon and Portland Public Schools has spanned over two decades, and has benefited thousands of students.

## **In-Classroom Universal Breakfast at Hall School \$24,000**

The 2016–2017 In-Classroom Universal Breakfast Program at Hall School was designed to deliver a nutritious breakfast to any and all students at the start of the school day, no matter their household socioeconomic status. The program broke down barriers by taking breakfast from the cafeteria straight in to the classroom. Results show that more students from all backgrounds ate breakfast at school. Increased rates of participation generally may allow PPS to sustain this programming at Hall and at other schools.



## **Marketing of Portland Public Schools Strategic Plan \$25,000**

As a result of Unum's generosity, PPS will be launching an external campaign to communicate its newly adopted comprehensive plan, Portland Promise.

## **Cultural Competency Training for Portland Public Schools Staff \$13,500**

Foundation grants helped to fund the launch of a Cultural Competency Training Program for all PPS staff.

# Many Thanks to Our Generous Donors

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Xavier Botana, Mike Del Tergo, and Barbara Stoddard

# Spring for Teachers 2017

a PEF event

## Spring for Teachers Event

On May 8, 2017 PEF hosted the first annual *Spring for Teachers* event to benefit the PEF Teacher Grants Program. Over one hundred friends and supporters gathered to meet, mingle, and learn more about PEF and its Teacher Grants. The event was a great success, raising over \$12,000 in support of grants. Many thanks to Bunker Brewing for the donation of its wonderful new tasting room space, and also to L.L. Bean for the donation of our raffle prize: two beautiful kayaks!



Gregg Ritter, Rick Negus, Carolyn Bird, and Josh Fifield



## Become a PEF Contributor

PEF invests in public education in Portland, and we welcome your support. Consider a general gift, or a gift to a particular program.

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