

INNOVATION & FBE 25TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

THE BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS have benefited greatly from the generosity of the Foundation for Belmont Education over the course of our 25 year relationship. We are truly thankful for the vision of the FBE, the support for our educators and the positive impact on our classrooms and students. The FBE supports everything from individual grants for teachers to critical funding to launch district initiatives. Thanks to their support, we launched multi-year work on Social Emotional Learning and Culturally Responsive Teaching, and now have a 1:1 program at Belmont High School with an iPad for every student. On the occasion of their 25th anniversary, they gifted \$75,000 to be used to further enhance student learning opportunities at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The Belmont Public Schools would not be what it is today without their partnership.

John P. Phelan

Superintendent of Schools
Belmont, Massachusetts



**FOUNDATION FOR
BELMONT EDUCATION**

Making a Difference in the Belmont Public Schools



Early Board Members pictured at the FBE Annual Fundraiser 2018. LEFT TO RIGHT: David Berndt, Seta Lapore, Patricia Mihelich, Mary Mahony, Walter Pressey

I became actively involved with the Foundation for Belmont Education soon after it was founded. I felt honored to be part of its Board of Directors, a group of talented and dedicated people from throughout the Belmont community who were deeply committed to public education. The late Frank Aguilar and Ellen Stevens, served as the first and second Presidents of the Foundation, respectively.

In these early years, the Board was energized by the challenges of raising funds and developing programs to ensure that grants awarded to the schools would have the greatest impact. Encouraged by extraordinary support from the community, we added walkathons, spelling bees (both for adults and children), major gift solicitation, and a fundraising dinner to our initial annual appeal for donations. As our fundraising capacity increased, we were able to build upon our small (Learning Excellence) grants program to take on more ambitious projects, hard to fund from the regular school budget. These included: renovating the foreign language laboratory at the high school, purchasing a portable planetarium to support the science curriculum, piloting the first classroom Smart Boards, and providing designated funds for professional staff development. Those years were exhilarating, rewarding, and just plain fun.

As gratifying as working on the Foundation was back then, it is even more gratifying to see all that has been accomplished by the efforts of so many people since then. Congratulations. Good luck with your annual appeal this year and all that you are planning for the future.

David Berndt
Foundation for Belmont Education President, 1999-2003

I am proud to share with you our 25th Anniversary Report to the Community. As we reflect upon this significant milestone of our organization, there are many reasons to celebrate the work of the FBE and the thousands of community members who have made, and continue to make, a difference in the Belmont Public Schools.

On behalf of the FBE Board of Directors, I thank you, our community, for your generous contributions, countless volunteer hours and unwavering support of our Foundation and its endeavors. We look forward to the next 25 years as we continue our mission to impact education, enrichment and innovation in the classroom.

I invite you to visit our website at fbe-belmont.org to learn more about the important work of the Foundation and to see our fundraising and grants in action in the schools.

With gratitude,
Christa Bauge
Foundation for Belmont Education President, 2016-Present

What a journey! It has been my great pleasure to watch the FBE grow over the years. The FBE's strength comes from the diversity of the thousands of Belmont residents and businesses, officers, directors, volunteers, and donors, who passionately believe in and enthusiastically work hard to support the FBE's mission of making a difference in the Belmont Public Schools. Over these many years, we have come together to celebrate our children, staff, and schools through multiple events. Behind the scenes are members of the Program Committee who quietly do their due diligence on every grant application, and those who manage the financial, marketing, and administrative tasks necessary to keep the Foundation running smoothly. Thank you to each and every one of you! I have been so fortunate to be a part of such an amazing organization and to witness the growth and wonderful and important work of the FBE.

Chris Kocheu
Foundation for Belmont Education Administrator,
1997-Present

PAST & CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors sets the goals, objectives, and mission of the Foundation for Belmont Education. The all-volunteer board, comprised of community members, is responsible for overseeing the organization's activities including events, fundraising campaigns, and grant allocation.

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The Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) is an independent, non-profit organization run by volunteers who are dedicated to improving educational opportunities for Belmont's students and teachers.

The FBE awards grants for a diverse array of projects, from small grants that benefit a single classroom to large programs designed to benefit students in an entire grade or school. Grants are awarded in all school curriculum areas, special initiatives, and professional development.



ABOVE: Town Proclamation in recognition of the FBE 25th Anniversary.

BELOW: Board of Selectmen and FBE Board Members at the May 30th, 2018, Belmont Town Meeting.



MEMORABLE MILESTONES

BEGIN 1993
The Foundation for Belmont Education is founded

WALK 1994
First of three walkathons *Strides for Schools*

SPELL 1995
First FBE Spelling Bee for adults only!

SHINE 1997
Start of the Star Awards recognition program

DINE 2000
First FBE Annual Fundraiser

READ 2004
One time Chenery Readathon

RUN 2013
First annual FBE Fall Run

AWARD 2015
Outstanding Teacher Award launched

CELEBRATE 2018
FBE 25th Anniversary!

These five mile walks raised \$78,647.41 over three years.

Star Awards have raised a total of \$260,000 over the years! They are a great way to recognize a special teacher or staff member and support the FBE!

The goal of the Chenery Readathon was to raise \$13,000, and the FBE was to 'match' with \$5,000. It raised \$35,655!

Sponsored by the Belmont Savings Bank Foundation, this award recognizes the extraordinary contributions made by teachers in the Belmont Public Schools.

We honored this important milestone with a gift of \$25,000 to the High School, Middle School, and Elementary Schools, for a total gift of \$75,000.

OTA HONOREES
* *S. Warren Farrell Award Honorees*

Mark Abruzzese	Suzanne Lijek
Martha Bloom	Cheryl Lyons
Kathleen Calhoun	Kelly Mastalong
Katharine Caritey	Colleen McBride
Justin Chiu	* John McLellan
Meaghan Clow	Daniel Moresco
Michelle Connors	Lisa O'Sullivan
Colleen Cox	Danielle Pandolfo
Kathryn Doyle	Sharon Phipps
* Brian Dunn	Sarah Pierson
* Leon Dyer	Jennifer Pressey
Cliff Gallant	Dorothy Pulizzi
Erin Gillies-Thibeault	Audrey Ruddock
Bhuvana Kaushik	Steven Tenhor
Denise LaPolla	Nicole Torniero
Catherine Larkin	Ted Trodden
Ellen Levy	Christina Westfall
Ben Ligon	

The FBE was created to support and sustain enrichment programs offered in the Belmont Public Schools at a time when spending per pupil was decreasing, and valuable programs were vulnerable. Generous family donations in the early 1990s made the work of the FBE possible.

Hosted in the BHS cafeteria, 36 teams competed, with the **Powers Music School team** winning. The winning word was **Jibboom**, and the event raised over \$13,000 for the Belmont Public Schools. Belmont Savings Bank was our corporate sponsor for this FBE event, and their generous support continued over the next 25 years.

Our first Annual Fundraising Dinner, the brainchild of Ellen Sullivan who organized an army of people to put on this event in March 2000. Nearly 400 people gathered in the Hellenic Cultural Center in Watertown to show their support for the Belmont Public Schools.

There have been 20 Annual Fundraising Dinners since, with an array of themes, from 'Mad for Education' to 'Roaring 20s'. These dinners have become the FBE's largest fundraising effort.

Today, the FBE Spelling Bee attracts close to 800 SPELLERS, from Kindergarten to 6th grade, and raises over \$20,000 annually.

J-I-B-B-O-O-M
Jibboom (n): a spar that forms an extension of the bowsprit.

PICTURED ABOVE:

- The Foundation provided almost \$7,000 worth of computer software and equipment, 1995
- First Annual Spelling Bee, 1995
- FBE Annual Fundraising Dinner, 2006
- FBE Dan Scharfman Memorial Run, 2015
- FBE Annual Fundraiser, 2018. From left, FBE President Christa Bauge, Superintendent John Phelan, Dinner Co-chairs Claire Kinzler and Martha Brown

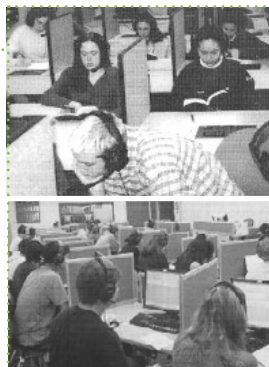
The Dan Scharfman Memorial Run was named in honor of Dan Scharfman, a pillar of the Belmont community. Mr. Scharfman was an elected member of the Belmont School Committee and Belmont Town Meeting, and was a tireless advocate for the Belmont Public Schools.

In 2019, at the request of the Scharfman family, the Run was renamed to solely focus on education in Belmont. It is now called the FBE Apple Run - Belmont Runs for Education!

TARGETED CAMPAIGNS

1995 BHS LANGUAGE LAB

The FBE's first grant was awarded to Belmont High School for a language lab. This \$52,000+ grant was in conjunction with a donation from the BHS PTO.



2003 FRIENDS OF SCIENCE

A large, focused campaign that raised \$65,000 and solicited material donations valued at more than \$15,000 to replace and update science equipment at Belmont High School.



2008-2011 T3 CAMPAIGN

This significant campaign created 21st century classrooms for interactive learning by installing SMART Board™ technology in grades 4-12 and upgrading the BHS language lab. We funded the \$600,000 installation of more than 100 SMART Boards. Teachers have embraced the technology, providing robust, efficient learning experiences for all our students.



2014-2017 INNOVATIVE TEACHING INITIATIVE

This Innovative Teaching Initiative provided \$450,000 over four years to fund grants geared toward innovative teaching practices. Funds were used to support teachers as they honed new teaching techniques, utilized technology in new ways and developed unique curricula. Funds were also used for technology tools such as iPads.



FBE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The FBE Program Committee is responsible for reviewing all grant applications submitted by Belmont Public School teachers, staff and administrators. The committee is comprised of the Vice President of Programs, sixteen volunteer community members, and one Belmont High School student representative. The members are each assigned as a liaison to one of the town's six schools as well as to seven subject areas including English, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Technology. The committee currently meets three times each school year to consider: Learning Excellence Grant Program applications for curriculum and classroom enrichment, (fall and early spring); and Innovative Teaching Initiative applications for professional development (late spring). Funding is subject to availability, and partial grants may be awarded.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING & CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING

This district-wide initiative began with a \$25,000 FBE grant to help the BPS build its Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies. Each school invited teachers to join a school steering committee, whose members attended summer institutes to learn all aspects of social emotional learning including brain research and how to implement SEL through classroom and schoolwide practices, direction instruction, infusion into the curriculum, school-based events, and family engagement. Steering committee members led professional development for their colleagues during professional development time in the fall of 2015 and 2017 as well as faculty meetings during the year. The district SEL programming expanded to include professional development work to address achievement gaps and give focus to becoming more culturally responsive educators. This included speakers and workshops from IDEAS (Initiatives for Developing Equity and Achievement for Students) in 2017 and 2018. To date, the FBE has given more than \$175,000 in support of SEL for all our Belmont Public School students and staff.

"Children and teens who can understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve goals on their own, and make positive relationships with peers and adults are going to be successful in both school and life. Through our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Initiative in Belmont, we are increasing opportunities for students to learn and practice these skills. We are so grateful to the Foundation for Belmont Education for their generous support of high quality SEL professional development for all Belmont educators. We are seeing positive results in every school and classroom."

Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent, Belmont Public Schools

PAST & CURRENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

** Past & Current Program Chairs*

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| Peggy Eysenbach | Laura Meyer | David Webster |
| Nomita Ganguly | Sara Meyers | * John Wong |



MEMORABLE GRANTS

1996 MUSICIANS IN RESIDENCE

Renowned composer, Gunther Schuller, worked with Belmont High School musicians to create an original piece of music. This program was funded in part by POMS and private fundraising in addition to the \$2,500 FBE grant.

1998 STARLAB PLANETARIUM

The FBE funded a \$22,000 StarLab Portable Planetarium. The StarLab blows up into a 20-foot-diameter hemisphere to hold 35 to 40 students. It is a primary teaching tool for science, has cross-curricular benefits and is a highlight of the Middle School curriculum to this day.

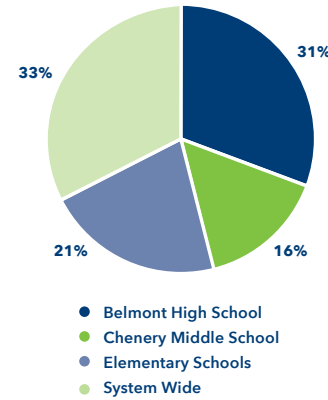
2014 BURBANK GARDEN PROJECT

The goal was to transform an underused school area into an attractive garden for hands-on learning and exploration. Perennial plantings created a butterfly garden, raised beds for Colonial herbs, and a teepee trellis for climbing beans. A weather station was installed on the school roof, with weather data always available to classrooms.

2019 DIVERSITY DAY

The FBE supported Diversity Day at Belmont High School, awarding funds for visiting artist, Darrell Gane McCalla, an African American Artist, who provided an interactive art workshop on social concerns and diversity. An additional \$850 was provided for the day's 'Hunger Banquet'.

AWARDS BY SCHOOL 1994-2019



\$4,000,000

AWARDS BY YEAR 1994-2019



ANNUAL APPEAL

WE ARE SO CLOSE TO AWARDING \$4 MILLION! Please mail your donation to the FBE using the attached envelope, or donate online at fbe-belmont.org/giving. We welcome any donation amount to help us support enrichment and innovation in the Belmont Public Schools.

2019



SCAN TO DONATE

As we go to print with this report, the FBE has awarded a total of \$3.875 million to the Belmont Public Schools through our learning excellence, special initiatives, and professional development grant programs. These awards have enriched the curriculum experience for every student in every classroom in every school.

The FBE has achieved this remarkable milestone with the generous financial and volunteer support of so many Belmont families and community businesses. Whether you have attended our Spring Fundraiser, registered a child for the Spelling Bee, run the FBE Apple Run, bid on an auction item, honored a teacher with a STAR award, or made a previous Annual Appeal donation, we are incredibly grateful to you.

Your contribution is vital to the FBE's mission to support educational engagement and excellence for the students and teachers in our Belmont community. We ask you to read through this 25th Anniversary Report to the Community and consider a donation to our Annual Appeal.

Please help us reach this exciting **\$4M goal TOGETHER** and we can truly Make a Difference as we embark on the next 25 years!

Sincerely,

Christa Bauge
Christa Bauge, President

Martha Brown
Martha Brown, VP Fundraising



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FBE EVENTS 2019-2020

-  **FBE APPLE RUN OCTOBER 6, 2019**
This annual event has 5K and 1 Mile races at the BHS track. *Formerly the Dan Scharfman Memorial Run.*
-  **FBE SPELLING BEE NOVEMBER 2, 2019**
This Fall favorite has become a tradition for many grade K-6 children, their parents, and extended families.
-  **FBE SPRING FUNDRAISER MARCH 14, 2020**
The spring fundraiser and auction raise more than \$150,000 to support our schools. Great food, entertainment, and fabulous auction items combine to make this community event a popular night out with friends.

Please visit www.fbe-belmont.org for more details

-  **OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS CEREMONY MAY 5, 2020**
Recognize the contributions made by Belmont's educators by nominating teachers who have made a difference in your child's life. Teachers from each school are chosen for this yearly honor.
-  **FBE STAR OR FRIEND AWARD ALL YEAR**
Make a donation of \$25 per STAR (Staff and Teacher Appreciation and Recognition) or Friend Award (for community members) and honor an exemplary teacher or school champion.
-  **SHARE THE LOVE NOVEMBER 14, 2019 - JANUARY 04, 2020**
Anyone buying or leasing a new car from Belmont's Cityside Subaru dealership can select the FBE as their charity of choice and Subaru will donate \$250 to help the FBE continue to support educational excellence in Belmont's public schools.

Please support our 2019-2020 Investors



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