## **BRIDGING THE GAP**

Bainbridge Schools Foundation 2023-2024 Annual Report







Dear BSF Friends,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Bainbridge Schools Foundation. As a Bainbridge High School graduate and parent of current BISD students, stepping into this role is deeply meaningful to me, and I am excited to work with you to ensure that our schools have the resources needed to foster exceptional learning environments for every child.

This past year, your incredible support has elevated our students' educational experiences from ordinary to extraordinary. Thanks to your generosity during our fall Bridge-a-thon, Gala event, and spring fundraising drive, we have not only raised vital funds but also demonstrated our community's steadfast commitment to public education.

BSF is pivotal in closing the gap between what is funded and what is essential for our students' success. Your contributions have enabled us to provide critical academic interventions, implement impactful socialemotional learning programs, and attract and retain exceptional educators. This support helps ensure that every student has what they need to reach their full potential and maintains the high standards for which Bainbridge Island School District is known.

As we step into a new school year, I am inspired by the care and dedication of our community. Your involvement—whether through donations, volunteering, or advocacy—drives our progress and makes a profound difference. Every gift, large or small, makes a meaningful impact on our schools and creates a strong start for all our students. We are so thankful for you!

With gratitude,

#### Rebecca Walliman

Executive Director, Bainbridge Schools Foundation

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## THE BSF DIFFERENCE

\$544,438

Funds raised for BISD in 2023-24

\$12M+

Lifetime BISD investment (since 2006)

52%

% of donations from current BISD families

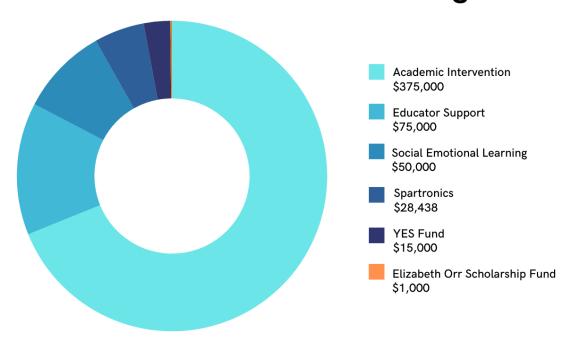
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Students impacted

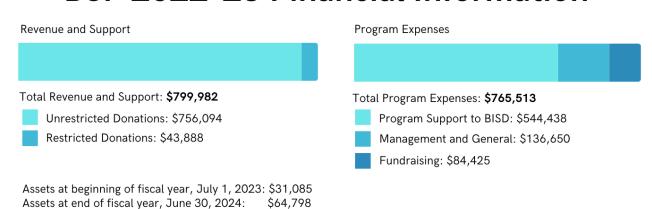
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Certificated educators impacted

## **Distribution of Funding**



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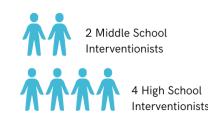
## 2023-24 IMPACT

### **Academic Intervention**

Funded: \$375,000 | 2.4 FTE + materials

This year, BSF provided funding for critically necessary academic interventions across BISD. These roles support all students, but are not funded at the state or federal level. Funding from BSF helped pay for specialized educators to provide flexible, data-informed, and student-centered interventions—when and where students needed it.





#### **BSF Funds In Action**

- 12 Interventionists roles
- Instructional materials and professional resources
- Achieve program at WMS
- Academic workshop classes for BHS and EHHS students
- Staffing for before and after school academic support programs

## **Educator Support**

Funded: \$75,000 | .2 FTE + extra pay and substitutes

In 2023-24, BSF funding helped recruit and retain the high-caliber educators in our district. By providing financial support for BISD's new educator mentorship program, BSF ensured support for all novice and new-to-district educators. Additionally, BSF provided every principal with resources they could flexibly use for staff professional development.

"Regular meetings with my mentor were the most impactful to my day-to-day work as she helped me understand the building policy and procedure, curriculum choices, and navigate BISD as a new employee."

-- New BISD educator

#### **BSF Funds In Action**

- Educator Support Specialist role
- New educator professional development
- Learning walks and observations in classrooms across the district
- Whole-staff professional learning
- Teaching team training opportunities
- · Individual training for certificated staff

## Social Emotional Learning

Funded: \$50,000 | Curriculum + materials

This year, BSF helped to fund the adoption and implementation of BISD's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum across all grades, which is required by Washington State law, but not funded at the state or federal level. Evidence-based SEL programs like Character Strong have been shown to improve student academic outcomes, attitudes, and social-emotional skills; improve both students and educators sense of well-being and safety; and reduce disciplinary incidents.

#### **BSF Funds In Action**

- Character Strong curriculum and instructional materials across K-12
- Curriculum training and professional development for staff
- Supplemental texts for school libraries and classrooms

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# Introducing our 2024-25 Co-Presidents Elli Koskella & Michelle Hobbs



A new school year signifies new beginnings for our children. As we approach the 2024-2025 school year, we are busy preparing and filled with anticipation and excitement for the opportunities it holds for our students. You may have a kindergartner entering school for the first time or a senior preparing for their final year at Bainbridge High School. Your continued support is crucial as we embark on the next chapter.

As Co-Presidents of the Bainbridge Schools Foundation (BSF), we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to our schools and the young minds they nurture. Your contributions are not just financial; they also instill a sense of pride and belonging in our students. Your involvement strengthens our schools.

Your generous support allowed BSF to make a significant impact over the last year: we raised

\$500,000 to help fund teacher positions in areas of academic intervention and educator support that would otherwise go unfunded. New this year, BSF helped fund the innovative and vital social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, Character Strong along with teacher training for new SEL curriculum use. Your contributions have a direct impact on the quality of education our students receive, and we are committed to ensuring that every student has the resources they need to succeed.

One of the things that makes Bainbridge so beautiful is the value our community places on education. In fact, we both moved to Bainbridge for the spectacular schools and what they offer. We now have kids at Blakely Elementary School and Sakai Intermediate School, and we have been deeply involved in PTO's and various volunteer opportunities within the community. We recognize our educators' positive impact on our children and are so grateful.

We look forward to serving you, the community, as the 2024-2025 Bainbridge School's Foundation Co-Presidents. We believe our schools are the bedrock of our community; vibrant hubs of growth, creativity, and opportunity. Every student who walks through our doors brings unique potential, and with your help, we strive to provide them with the tools and environment they need to flourish. Thank you for your past and continued support of Bainbridge Schools Foundation.

We look forward to partnering with you to bridge this year's public school funding gap.

Sincerely,

Elli Koskella & Michelle Hobbs 2024-2025 Co-Presidents Bainbridge Schools Foundation



