

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great honor that I share with you our annual report for the 2017-2018 year. Due to the generosity of our donors and leadership of our board, the Foundation completed another successful year working to strengthen our existing programs and services while charting a course for success and growth.

For more than twenty years, the foundation has provided financial resources to support programs that directly impact teaching and learning at Carrollton City Schools. As a result, more than \$800,000 grants and scholarships have been awarded to support this mission. In an effort to expand our programs and services, student enrichment experiences will be added to our future program goals. We look forward to supporting experiences for our students that go beyond the classroom and explore opportunities that deepen their awareness of the world.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support of our foundation and its mission. Because of your generosity, we continue to support the excellent educational opportunities at Carrollton City Schools, leading to a prosperous community of students who will one day change the world.

Best,  
Chuck Harper  
President, Board of Directors

## RECOGNIZING PAST PRESIDENT

The Carrollton City Schools Education Foundation honored Melanie McLendon for her many years of service as a board member and president. Under Mrs. McLendon's leadership, the foundation has distributed more than \$800,000 in scholarships and grants, since its inception, to programs that support teaching and learning at Carrollton City Schools. Mrs. McLendon stepped down from the foundation board earlier this year to serve on the Carrollton City Schools Board of Education. She is pictured with Superintendent Dr. Mark Albertus and Foundation Board President Chuck Harper.



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**\$1,123,143**

Total Assets

**\$32,891**

Grant/Scholarship Disbursements

**\$542,998**

Total Donations

## Board of Directors

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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AWARDED



Each year the foundation honors students with scholarship awards that have been established by families and organizations from the Carrollton community. This past April, 23 seniors from the Class of 2018 were awarded scholarships to their post-secondary institution of choice, totaling more than \$13,000. Each year the scholarship process is highly competitive with more than 100 applications submitted. Pictured are the recipients, Andy Smith and Lacey Needham, who received the Charlie Grisham Scholarship. This scholarship was created from community donations made in memory of the legendary Trojan football coach, who died in 1999. Coach Grisham's family hosts a golf tournament each fall with proceeds going to the endowment that funds the scholarships. One of Coach Grisham's sons, Burt Grisham, center, presented this year's award.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS



In February, members of the CCS Education Foundation Board of Directors distributed close to \$17,000 to 47 teachers in our system for Instructional Excellence Grants- an initiative that provides funding to teachers with innovative project ideas to improve teaching and curriculum in our schools. Some of the grants awarded included virtual reality technology to be used in the new CHS Game Design class, sabers to begin a new CHS Saber team, Specdrums to be used for STEAM in the CES classrooms, funds to expand the ceramics program at CMS to include clay workspaces, and materials for exploration of the Buffalo Creek tributary for CHS science students.

## KID'S FIRST SUPPORTS CBI

The Kid's First Fund, established in 2008 by stakeholders in our community, provides special education teachers consistent funding for community-based instruction and field trips that are not supported by state and federal funds. These needs are often met by unpredictable funding sources such as class fundraising, donations, and teacher contributions. This fund has provided more than \$67,000 since inception to support local field trips to local businesses such as Arts for All, Wal-Mart, and Home Depot. Students have also traveled to Atlanta and the surrounding areas for enhanced enrichment experiences.



*"From recreational fun to grocery shopping trips and lunches at local restaurants, our community-based instructional outings are designed to expose students to different settings and activities. Our students and staff are so very thankful for these wonderful opportunities funded by Kid's First. It is truly a learning experience for us all!" - Lori Gillespie, CMS Special Education Teacher*

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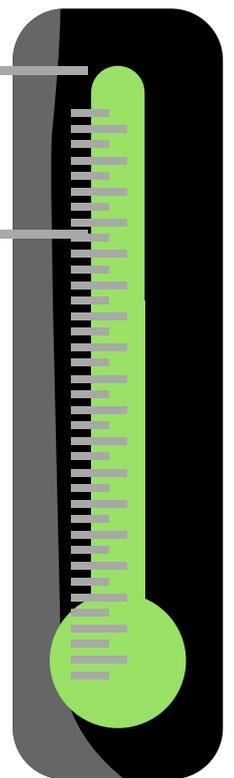
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS



In an effort to further enhance the quality of the educational experience for students at Carrollton City Schools, the foundation supported community leaders last year as they worked to raise private funds in a capital campaign that will provide a large, enclosed, universal space for students to be used for current and future class offerings. With more than 80% of the system's student body participating in extracurricular activities, this facility will provide practice space for all students and extracurricular activities and a unique classroom space for innovative opportunities. Additionally, this type of facility allows for community collaboration that can significantly impact our local economy by making our schools a destination district for large community events. To date, more than \$1.5 Million has been committed to this facility which is scheduled to open in 2019.

**\$ 1.57MM  
COMMITTED**

**\$ 1.5MM GOAL**



*"An indoor practice facility would greatly eliminate conflicts and enhance safety. It will be beneficial for the band during the hot days of band camp and during inclement weather that keeps us from practicing on the field. It will also give us a much needed lighted space for marching practice during football season." - Kate Griffin, Drum Major, Class of 2018*

To learn more about all programs supported by the Carrollton City Schools Education Foundation and how you can support our mission, please visit:  
[www.carrolltoncityschools.net/community/foundation](http://www.carrolltoncityschools.net/community/foundation)