

Outstanding Education Foundation



Summit Educational Foundation (SEF) was presented the award for Outstanding Education Foundation. This award is given to the New Jersey education foundation that has made a significant impact on its school district in terms of financial support, community outreach and involvement, district initiatives and/or student impact. SEF is a 100% volunteer organization with 21 board members and over 80 community volunteers that serve on 9 committees. Since its inception in 1986 SEF has raised and donated over \$6.5 million to the Summit school district, including \$3 million over the past 5 years. In 2008 they established an endowment fund to secure funding for long-term initiatives. The foundation grants have aided the Summit school district with virtually every goal and initiative they have identified in recent years.

The judging panel selected SEF for the following reasons. They have a strong infrastructure with dedicated volunteers at the board and committee level. Over their 32 year history they have demonstrated consistent growth. They have funded both large and small scale projects. While meeting the direct needs in the district they push the envelope for what a foundation funds, demonstrating big picture thinking.



Funding for the Summit Educational Foundation comes from their annual fund to which over 700 Summit families donate each year. Additionally, they host a “Spring for Excellence” fundraiser which is a community wide event highlighting grants in action, bringing the community together in a social setting and consistently raises over \$100,000.

Highlights from past five years include:

- \$635,000 to pilot and kickstart district one-to-one technology initiatives resulting in all students in grades 5-12 having a dedicated Chromebook.
- \$150,000 to fund a new college specialist position within the High School Guidance Department.
- \$300,000 contribution for a greenhouse to be integrated into the science curriculum for Per-K through 12th grade.
- Over \$300,000 in extended day programs and achievement gap/literacy programs pre-K through 5th grade.
- \$47,000 for introduction of Mandarin Chinese course at the high school level.
- Plus hundreds of smaller classroom and school based mini grants that ranged from \$500 - \$5000.

Bee Bots at Franklin Elementary School



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A Better View



Student musicians from the Summit School District



Showcasing Notable Grants Awarded the Summit Educational Foundation Spring for Excellence Fundraiser

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