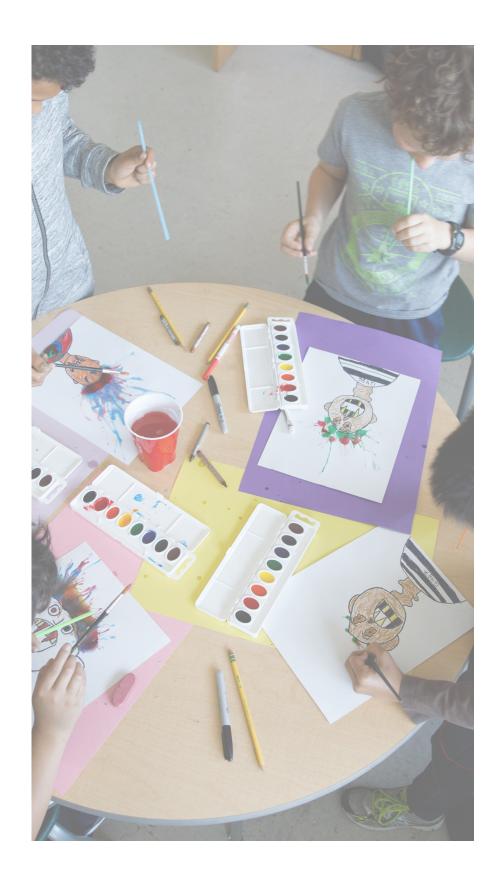
# REPORT

WCEF IMPACT 2018-2019





Because Great Schools Don't Just Happen

# LETTER FROM WCEF Presidents



Since 1983, the Walnut Creek Education Foundation (WCEF) has provided a means for parents to further invest in their child's education in the Walnut Creek School District and Las Lomas High School.

From an initial budget of a few thousand dollars, WCEF has grown into a million dollar non-profit foundation that maintains enhanced academics, small class sizes, and a breadth of educational experiences from transitional kindergarten through high school. Together, in 2018-19 we raised \$1,029,000 to invest back into our schools.

To the more than 1,500 families and community members who donated - thank you. To the Walnut Creek community who support efforts to improve, enhance and preserve education for every student - thank you. From district offices to school boards, parent teacher associations, WCEF business partners - your support is critical to our schools.

WCEF committed to provide \$1.25 million in funding in 2019-20. With 100% participation from parents, we can achieve this! Why? We must. The state of California does not adequately fund public education, and each year our schools rely on your support. It is that simple. Please visit our website (<a href="www.wcefk12.org">www.wcefk12.org</a>) for more information, and join us in continuing to make our schools great!

In partnership,

Lisa Sun

WCEF President 2018-19

Katy Grant

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WCEF President 2019-20

You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been." -Maya Angelou

# **ABOUT WCEF**

#### Because great schools don't just happen

Like many things in life, creating great schools is the culmination of several variables. You need the right mix of dedicated teachers and professionals, relevant instructional materials, engaged students and families, and an invested community. All of this takes resources and capital, which is what we at WCEF are all about!

Established in 1983, WCEF is a parent-led non-profit organization. The Foundation raises funds for eight schools, 5,100 students, and countless teachers and staff in Walnut Creek. WCEF is committed to investing in all stages of learning from early childhood through college readiness to ensure all children receive a well-rounded education.

Every year our schools rely on 100% participation from our families and the greater community to bridge the almost \$2,500\* per student funding gap between what we receive from state and what it costs to provide a 21st century education to our children.

\*Ed-Data Financial Data for Walnut Creek, 2017-18

The Walnut Creek Education Foundation (WCEF) raises funds to preserve and enhance the education of students in the Walnut Creek School District and at Las Lomas High School through a broadbased community effort.

Our annual budget is developed collaboratively with the schools we support through a yearly prioritization process and in accordance with our funding guidelines. WCEF steps in where state funding leaves off, preserving the world-class educational opportunities our kids need and deserve. More than ninety percent of the funds we raise go directly to the schools we serve.



# THE BIG WHY

#### Why our public schools need private support



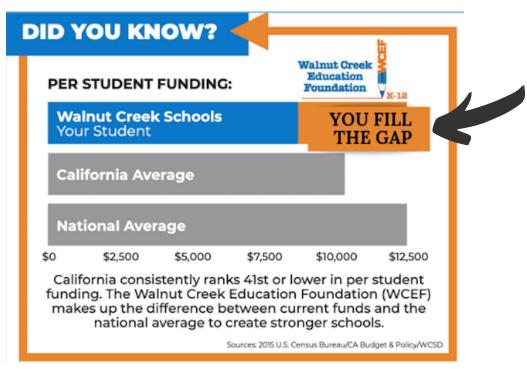
#### THE NEED

California is the **5th largest economy** in the world, yet funding of our state's public schools has dropped dramatically over the last few decades, **ranking as low as 41st** in the nation. While we continue to advocate for increased state funding in our schools, WCEF is committed to raising the additional funding needed to ensure all students receive an exceptional education.



Our schools would not be able to deliver the type of excellent learning opportunities our students experience every day without WCEF support. We simply do not receive enough funding from the state to operate high quality schools. WCEF fills that gap. Without WCEF, great schools in Walnut Creek would not be possible.

- Marie Morgan, Superintendent WCSD



## WHO BENEFITS?

#### Every student. Every day. From TK-12



#### WHAT WCEF FUNDS

Every student. Every day. That is the impact every donation to WCEF has on 5,100 students at eight schools. Here is a snapshot of all you make possible.

"Because of the support of education foundations, like WCEF, we can offer educational opportunities that exceed most private schools."

-Dr. John Nickerson, AUHSD Superintendent



#### **GRADES TK-5**

- Full school year of hands-on Art, Music, Science Lab, and P.E.
- Salaries for 20+ Instructional Specialists
- Math Coach to deepen instruction and learning
- Teacher Grant Program



#### **GRADES** 6-8

- Support for STEAM electives (Robotics, Computer Sciences, Digital Arts, Band, World Languages & more)
- After school homework help
- Full-time Credentialed Librarian and research databases
- Math Coach
- Teacher Grant Program



#### **GRADES 9-12**

- 2 additional core academic classes - ensuring the 7-period day, smaller class sizes, and access to AP, Honors and electives
- Support of the Wellness Center, serving the socialemotional needs of students





## FINANCIALS

5,100 STUDENTS

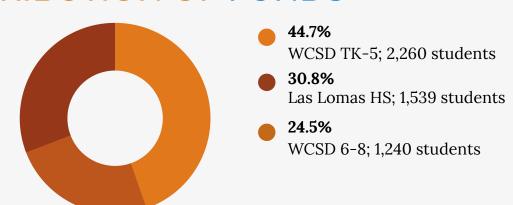
**BENEFIT** 

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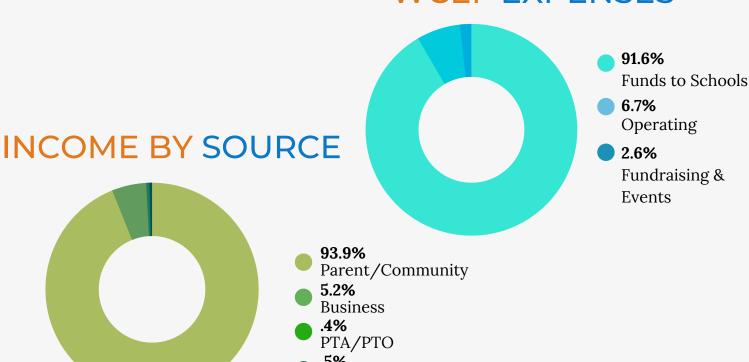
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#### DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



#### **WCEF EXPENSES**



Grants/Other

# 2018-19 DONORS

The generosity of the following individuals and organizations allows WCEF to directly impact students' educational opportunities every day. Thank you for all you do to make great schools. The annual list of donors for gifts received between July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019 can be found at www.wcefk12.org/impactreports. If your name is not listed incorrectly, please contact us at contact@wcefk12.org.



## **BUSINESS PARTNERS**

#### PLATINUM PARTNERS

We would like to recognize the following Business businesses who believe in the power of communities to make great schools. Thank you for your support.



#### F&M BANK

Through a grant from F&M Bank, WCEF provided 80+ Chromebooks to Las Lomas students who otherwise could not afford the required technology for use in their classes. These additional devices allowed the student flexibility and give them the option to take technology with them. The Chromebooks also provided a sense of security, as children were no longer reliant on available devices within the library.

#### FORMA GYM - TURKEY TROT

For more than a decade WCEF volunteers have made the Forma Gym Turkey Trot a reality for our community. An East Bay tradition bringing thousands together on Thanksgiving morning, Forma shares a portion of the proceeds of the race with WCEF and other nonprofits like the Contra Costa Food Bank. Since 2010, Forma has granted WCEF \$192,800.



### **BUSINESS PARTNERS**

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In 2019, WCEF launched the Real Estate Partnership Program to bridge the connection between great public schools and a strong housing market. We want to thank the following partners for their support of WCEF and for their dedication to building a stronger community here in Walnut Creek. Thank you.



#### 2019 GOLD REAL ESTATE GOLD PARTNERS

Support the realtors that support our schools



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