In 1988, a group of educators and community leaders formed the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation to support fine arts education in Indian Prairie School District 204. Now, nearly three decades later, IPEF provides funding for STEM initiatives, at-risk programs, teacher grants and other innovative educational opportunities while continuing to support fine arts. Through the generosity of parents, business leaders, community members, teachers and staff, IPEF strives to achieve our mission to enrich education for students in our district.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, Team IPEF runners, educators and all who have been involved in making a difference in District 204. As we approach our 30th anniversary, we are proud to be part of such a vibrant community that so generously supports the education of our children.

Sincerely,
Rana Khan
Board Chair
2017-18 Highlights

**BACK ON TRACK**
Designed to provide social-emotional support for at-risk students, Back on Track was expanded into all three high schools and piloted in three middle schools in 2017-18 thanks to funding provided by IPEF. A partnership with Naperville-based 360 Youth Services brings counselors into schools, providing an alternative to suspension, with a goal of guiding students with different motivation for engaging in learning, behaving positively and performing academically.

**MAKERSPACES EXPANSION**
Students in all 21 elementary schools and the preschool will have additional hands-on access to computer coding principles thanks to a $53,000 grant received from the Dunham Fund. More than 12,000 students will be impacted in the upcoming year through opportunities to expand learning using Dash robots, LittleBits, Green Screens and additional devices being added in school Library Media Centers.

**SOLAR PANEL PROJECT**
A $15,800 solar panel reconfiguration project at Waubonsie Valley High School became a reality thanks to a persistent group of students. Questions about outdated panels on the school’s roof eventually led to a plan that has now made solar powered charging stations available in the building’s commons area. Funding was provided through the Teacher Grant program and a $10,000 gift from former District 204 superintendent, Dr. Kathy Birkett.
Teacher Grants

IPEF awarded 32 grants totaling $58,886 during the 2017-18 school year. The foundation has provided funding of more than $1.1 million since 1997.

**BROOKDALE ELEMENTARY**
We are All Unique and Special ($1,500) Leah Steinhauser-Walsh

**BROOKS ELEMENTARY**
Diversity in our LMC ($398) Penny Ose

**BUILTA ELEMENTARY**
Make Your Space ($1,831) Jill DeFarno
U Can Uke ($1,500) Mary Schmitz

**GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY**
Keyboards for Kids ($4,499) Andrea Burck

**GRAHAM ELEMENTARY**
Coding for All ($300) Michelle Shiles

**GRANGER MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Only One You! ($1,263) Cindy Chejfec & Erin Wash

**HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Songwriting Concert ($2,000) Ron Korbitz

**METEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
Guest Clinician for Metea Jazz Program ($1,000) Josh Kaminsky
Community Drawing from Observation ($2,500) Kathryn Parenti
Photojournalism Equipment ($1,500) Kristen DiGiorgio

**NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
The Process is Art and the Art is Justice ($5,000) Jonathan Lauff
Girls in STEM ($1,506) Anthony Tegtmeyer
Scientist to the Rescue ($1,800) Adrianne Toomey
Rain on Me ($1,280) Christina Jakubas & Gillian Schneider
Easy Ticker Stock Savings LED Display ($2,200) Todd Mertz
LMC Video Production Station ($1,774) Eric Bodwell
OWEN ELEMENTARY
Classroom Clue Solving Escape Room ($500) Carol Hess

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY
Bee Bots for Kindergartners ($849) Jennifer Thompson

SCULLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Farm to Foods Class ($1,005) Jill Koulos

SPRING BROOK ELEMENTARY
Reaching More with a Booming Voice ($303) Natalie Hoyle Ross

STILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Multimedia 2.0 with ThingLink ($1,676) Patty Hicks

WATTS ELEMENTARY
Unlocking the 4C's of 21st Century Learning ($1,000) Emily Macchiarella

WAUBONSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Solar Panel Power ($14,267) Pam Westfall
CRISPR in the Classroom ($1170) Christopher Schramm
Virtual Reality 3-D Painting ($840) Kathleen Novorolsky
Bristlebots and Art Circuits ($120) Pam Westfall
Mikva Challenge's Project Soapbox ($2,500) Adam Dyche
The Future is Bright ($1,800) Christopher Dandeles

WELCH ELEMENTARY
Rokenbok Rocks ($1,000) Lynn Domek
A+ Award

Partnering with Wells Fargo Advisors for a fourth straight year, the A+ Award team made surprise visits to nine staff members in 2017-18, recognizing them for going above and beyond to make a difference for students. IPEF has recognized 38 educators with the A+ Award. Essays celebrating staff in District 204 have been shared with 574 nominees.

2017-18 RECIPIENTS
Jill DeFarno, Builta Elementary
Edgar Stewart, McCarty Elementary
Jennifer Rowe, Metea Valley High School
Ryan Henry, Clow Elementary
Cathie Prochaska, Cowlishaw Elementary
Mariah Reed, Gombert Elementary
Amanda Yee, Peterson Elementary
Bernadette Jacobs, Fry Elementary
Kim Haake, Waubonsie Valley High School

“The passion he brings to school everyday inspires students to be better in everything they undertake. All of this while being so humble, approachable and always available.”

— Nomination excerpt for Clow Elementary music teacher Ryan Henry
Team IPEF

An incredible 822 runners made their races about more than just running last fall participating as charity partners with Team IPEF. A record setting 335 staff, parents, alumni and community members participated in the Naperville Half Marathon, representing all 33 District 204 schools and the STEPS program. Another 487 students, ages 5-13, ran in the Kids Marathon helping to raise additional funds for their schools.

Fundraising efforts again topped the charts, making this the single largest campaign in the Foundation’s history bringing in $181,900. Half of the funds raised by runners went directly to schools and helped with projects ranging from LMC Makerspace additions to social emotional learning materials. Remaining funds helped support districtwide initiatives supported by the IPEF.

Team IPEF got its start in 2014 with 31 runners representing 17 schools. 108 runners participated in 2015 and 255 took part in 2016. Collectively $480,000 has been raised in four years through this program.

“This event builds community and brings parents and teachers together for a common cause.”
— Jodi Wojcik
Builta Elementary

2017 Team IPEF Runners

Amanda Adams
Pramod Aggarwal
Karen Altekruse
Jason Altenbern
April Altott
Brent Anderson
Kristina Aniolowski
Osman Arain
Nicole Armstrong
Carla Axt
Erin Balek
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REVENUE BY CATEGORY

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Fine Arts 16%

Direct to Schools 24%

District Programs 47%
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