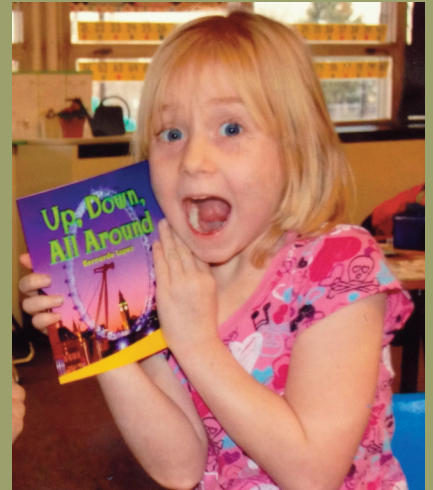


# IMPACT ON EDUCATION

Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools



## 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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## From the CEO

Dear Friends,

A cornerstone of Impact on Education is our commitment to supporting students and families who face economic challenges. We believe that no student should face barriers to an enriching and participatory learning experience.



With that said, one of our programs for which I am most proud is the **Opportunity Fund**, which decreases economic barriers that prevent students from meaningful participation. Last year, \$116,000 was distributed to 49 of the 55 BVSD schools for use in field trips, music and art, science, transportation, health related expenses and extracurricular activities. By offsetting the costs of access to both academic and extracurricular activities, the Opportunity Fund impacted 7,660 local students. Specifically, these funds helped send 2,430 students on field trips that would have otherwise been out of reach due to financial challenges. These field trips, such as the Cal-Wood Environmental immersion, introduce students to experiential learning and allow them to learn in an exciting and hands-on manner.

Engagement in our other programs, such as the Classroom Innovation Grants, Impact Awards, and Take My Teacher Home, continued this year with passion and gusto. I encourage you to take a look at the program page included in this Annual Report to learn more about the milestones reached this year.

These dynamic achievements were fueled by our dedicated Board of Directors, generous donors, and passionate partners. Like us, many individuals and organizations in our community believe deeply in the potential of every student.

Thank you for your trust and generous investments in Impact on Education, which enable students across our school district to achieve at their highest level both inside and outside of the classroom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

# Our Programs

## Classroom Innovation Grants

The CIG program is designed to focus on instructional & learning innovation. It is a competitive grant program designed to provide funds for the most innovative, educational and developmental activities created by BVSD teachers. In 2011-12, 57 grants were awarded.

## “Take My Teacher Home” (TMTTH Program)

TMTTH is a pilot program to bring struggling kindergarten readers to at-grade level reading by first grade. TMTTH successfully worked with 280 BVSD students to increase reading competency through the use of this technology. Kindergartners are sent home with lessons recorded by their teachers onto iPod shuffles. These lessons extend the school day and bring the teacher home, making homework a mandatory exercise rather than a request from parents. The program goal is to bring students to grade level proficiency.

## STREAM

Impact on Education and the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) collaboratively created the K-8 science initiative titled STREAM: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math. The goal of STREAM was to increase student achievement in science, reading through the use of science literacy integration and student-centered technology.

## Program Spotlight: Opportunity Fund

Our Opportunity Fund was created to decrease the economic barriers that prevent students from participation in academic and extracurricular activities. Studies have found that student participation in enriching

academic and extracurricular activities increases students' sense of engagement in their school, and thereby decreases the likelihood of school failure and dropping out.

Funds are distributed to nearly every school in the Boulder Valley School District, weighted according to their percentage of students registered for free or reduced price lunch—an indicator of poverty. In 2011-12 we distributed \$116,000 through our Opportunity Fund, and 7,660 local students were impacted by access to this resource. The Opportunity Fund supports students by providing financial resources, which are often unavailable to schools.

### Success Story

*During the 2nd semester of her senior year, one student's father was arrested and placed on an Immigration Hold. He was the sole financial provider to his family. In order to support her family, this student worked additional hours at McDonald's. As a result of working extra hours, she missed some classes and was in jeopardy of falling short of required graduation credits. The Opportunity Fund paid for her online coursework which provided the flexibility she needed to work and earn her graduation credits. She graduated with the Class of 2012 — the first in her family to graduate from high school.*

## Our Mission

**Leverage community resources to increase student achievement, create opportunities, and build support for public education.**

In existence since 1983, Impact on Education is the foundation supporting *all* Boulder Valley public schools. Our wide-ranging projects and programs drive innovation and foster excellence throughout BVSD. Our program and support focus is on improving equity, including addressing economic and learning barriers that curtail success, promoting STEM education, and fostering excellence in instruction.

We exist for every student and every educator in the Boulder Valley School District. We not only support and empower our district's most at-risk students, but we raise the playing field for all students through innovative uses of technology and instructional tools that enable all of our students to become successful 21st century learners.



## 2011-2012 Staff

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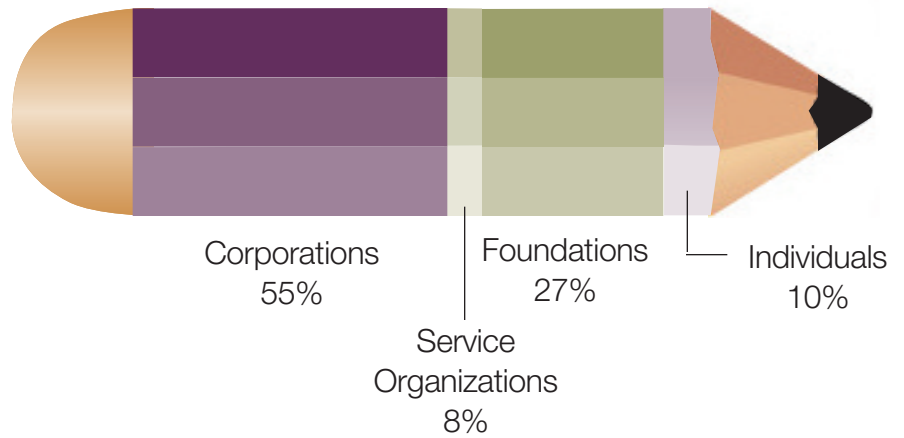
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## 2011-2012 Financials

### Revenue



### Functional Expenses



### Program Expenses

