



2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Just as every effective educator knows to meet students at their levels before progress can be made and future actions can be decided, we at Impact on Education embraced this past year 2018-2019 as the ideal time to take stock in our present and reorganize and realign our structure and focus, so we can most effectively channel our energies and insights to make the most positive impact on BVSD students and schools.

We've concluded that where we excel is in the schools, focusing on the education and the educational experiences of each and every student in BVSD. That's our lane. And the key pillars of our work involve, first and foremost, developing and maintaining support for public education in our communities. Without that support, we cannot engage in the pillars that most directly impact our students—providing opportunities for students and assisting them with overcoming barriers to achievement as well as collaborating with BVSD to innovate, evolve, and bring the very best to the students.

This past year saw us partner closely with BVSD's new Superintendent, Dr. Rob Anderson, who has also spent time listening to and engaging with the community in multiple ways. BVSD is now developing a new Strategic Plan for the District focused on addressing equity, challenging all students, and graduating students prepared for post-secondary success.

Even in the short time since we've been working together, we're seeing how much we can accomplish and achieve when our work aligns with the District's needs and priorities most directly; hence, we're committed to staying in our lane: Our mission revolves around education and opportunity—academic and extracurricular—and building more partnerships to fully support BVSD's students.

More than ever before, with Dr. Rob Anderson, the BVSD Strategic Plan, and our redefined pillars and priorities, Impact on Education is positioned to widen and lengthen that pathway to success we all know education can create. In 2018-2019, we've met BVSD students and schools where they are and re-examined Impact on Education's role; 2019-2020 will reflect the journey we all take together with District alignment and sharpened focus.

Thanks to all of our partners and this incredible community, we are confident that the future looks bright for all of the students and the families we serve.

With gratitude,



Greg Evans

Impact on Education Board Chair



Allison Billings

Impact on Education Executive Director

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT

Your contribution reaches every child in Boulder Valley School District: 56 schools serve 31,000 students in Boulder, Gold Hill, Jamestown, Lafayette, Louisville, Nederland, Superior, Ward, and portions of Broomfield and Erie.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT



The **achievement gap** in BVSD is one of the widest in the state.



1 in 5 BVSD students receives **free or reduced lunch**.



Colorado spends **\$2,800 less per student** than the national average.



A teacher has **2-3 times the impact** of any other school factor on student achievement.

SUPPORTING IMPACT ON EDUCATION EMPOWERS BVSD STUDENTS

CAREER PATHWAYS



Provides career knowledge and awareness to elementary students

OPPORTUNITY FUND



Awards \$75,000 to students in all 56 schools for enriching and vital academic and extracurricular opportunities

PARTNERSHIPS



Leverages business and community assets to bring cutting edge resources and opportunities to students



CRAYONS TO CALCULATORS

Provides 11,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to kids in need so they start school ready to learn



SUMMER SHUFFLE

Provides summer literacy and numeracy instruction to kids living in low-income housing to prepare them for kindergarten



SUPPORTING IMPACT ON EDUCATION EMPOWERS BVSD TEACHERS

CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANTS



Awards over \$30,000 in grants for innovative instruction to more than 50 educators



IMPACT AWARDS

Honors 56 educators, support staff, and community members - one from each school in BVSD



OUR FOUR CORNERSTONE PROGRAMS

Impact on Education supports programs and initiatives that improve student achievement and access using innovative and creative practices and strategies. Through our partnerships with schools, teachers, students, parents, and the community, we are able to solicit crucially needed resources, provide equitable opportunities, and maximize engaged learning for all Boulder Valley students.

Classroom Innovation Grants

Supporting instructional and learning innovation within the classroom

Awarded to individual educators (up to \$600) and collaborative teams (up to \$1200), Classroom Innovation Grants are available to Pre-K, elementary, middle, and high school teachers, specialists, and other faculty in the Boulder Valley School District. **This competitive grant program, designed to provide funds for the most innovative experiences and activities envisioned by BVSD educators, awarded grants this past year to 51 educators and specialists, totaling \$30,000.** These grants encourage and foster

- *engaged student learning*
- *innovation in instructional technology, design, & practice*
- *equitable student opportunities*



Crayons to Calculators

Sending students to school with the tools to succeed

Crayons to Calculators ensures that all students in Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School Districts start each school year with the supplies they need to succeed. **This past August, Crayons to Calculators provided 11,000 backpacks filled with supplies to students from across BVSD & SVVSD. With Western Disposal as the title sponsor of the program, contributing \$130,000 this past year,** Impact leads the program with our partners at the Education Foundation for St. Vrain Valley Schools, ensuring every student feels prepared and supported.





Opportunity Fund

Providing students with enriching and empowering opportunities

Sometimes, vital academic and extracurricular experiences are not accessible to students whose families have limited means. This program ensures that each and every student has the opportunity to participate in field trips, partake in athletics, enhance education through music, enroll in concurrent community college classes and engage in many other opportunities impacting academic success. **In 2018-19, over \$75,000 in funds were distributed to 54 BVSD principals who then allocated the funds to the areas of highest need in their schools, including marching band uniform fees, kindergarten enrichment expenses, after school tutoring, and AP exam registration fees.** School allocations are based on BVSD counts of students receiving free or reduced lunch assistance in each school.

Impact Awards

Celebrating and honoring the superheroes of BVSD

Impact Awards recognize individuals in BVSD who have an extraordinarily positive impact on student learning. This year, **we honored 56 individuals**

selected by each of the BVSD schools with a district-wide celebration on March 15th with over 500 attendees. Award winners include

teachers, parents, and school volunteers as well as support staff, paraeducators, interventionists, and others. What a night of unity and community! This year, we honored Angevine Middle's principal Mike Medina as our Blake Peterson Lifetime Achievement Award winner, chosen by the Peterson family for his 32-year commitment to raising the bar and creating positive change for his staff, his students, and himself both inside and outside the school building. Our Impact Award winners receive a custom engraved glass award and personalized poster as well as a cash award.

Most importantly, they inspire one another and others across the school district and within the Boulder Valley community.



Blake Peterson Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Mike Medina

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

While our Cornerstone Programs are a focus every year, Impact on Education takes on new targeted initiatives each year that allow us to meet the changing needs of Boulder Valley Schools. We are proud of these added initiatives that we delivered in 2018-19.

Student Advisory Board

In 2019, we created and implemented our inaugural Student Advisory Board, a group of BVSD high school students committed to sharing their experiences and perspectives and combining their efforts in our mission to cultivate innovation and equitable opportunities and achievements within BVSD. From a large pool of interested freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, **we selected 13 students from seven high schools to join us for monthly discussions on a variety of topics.**

These students have candidly offered opinions on our Cornerstone Programs and are gearing up to create their own initiative to begin in the fall with new Advisory Board members using the BVSD Strategic Plan as a framework. We are excited to engage in a partnership with our most impacted stakeholders, our students!

Summer Shuffle

In collaboration with Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) over the summer, this program brings literacy and numeracy instruction designed to create kindergarten readiness in preschool-aged children. Students receive 40 hours of targeted instruction and practice reading and writing with teachers and volunteers. Weekly family nights engage siblings and parents in the early childhood education of 3-, 4- and 5-year olds, ensuring that they start kindergarten ready to learn. **In 2018, we served 47 children from three BHP sites and saw**

Advancing Computer Science and Educational Technology

This three-year, \$125,000 grant from Google was awarded in 2018 to Impact on Education and BVSD and underwrites teachers' professional development in Computer Science (CS) education. As a result, CS will be embedded in existing classes and in new, stand-alone CS courses, with a unique focus on bridging the digital skills divide. Currently, **the grant involves 90 teachers from across grade levels and schools participating in professional development trainings ranging from Spark Fun to Python coding to Robotics.** Curriculum is now in development, and classroom teachers are already rolling out CS-focused tools, such as coding and robotics software, to students.

significant gains in their recognition of upper and lower case letters, colors, numbers, and shapes and their overall interest in reading, writing, and counting. Plus, parents reported

a much greater ability to work with their young children at home to prepare them and their entire families for school.



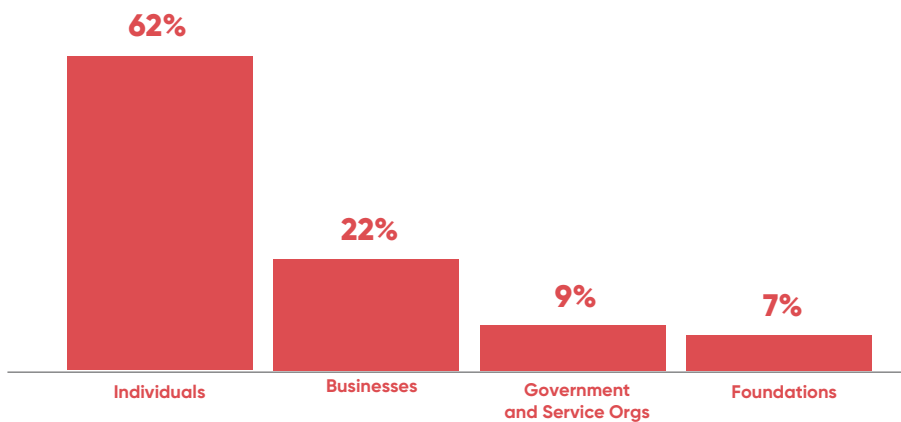
BY THE NUMBERS

Founded in 1983, Impact on Education is the foundation supporting all Boulder Valley public schools. Our wide-ranging programs support over 31,000 local students and 4,000 educators at 56 schools.

2018-19 Financials

Each year, Impact on Education raises money to support the public schools in Boulder Valley School District. In our 2018-19 fiscal year, we collected over \$1.2 million to support our public schools with over 70% of these dollars going directly to programs for students in BVSD.

Contributions Received



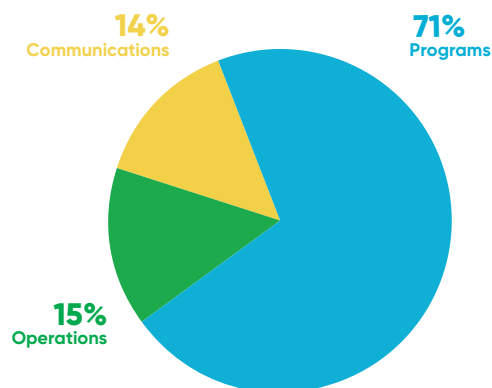
In-Kind Donations

worth over
\$350,000

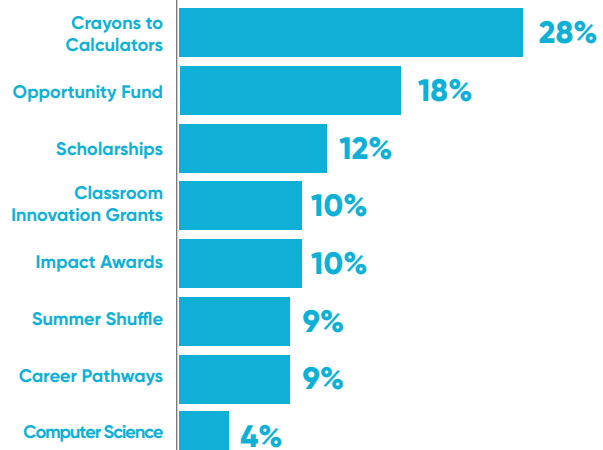
Volunteers

dedicated over
3,000 HOURS

Expenses



Program Expense Breakdown



Mission Statement

An independent, non-profit foundation focused on leveraging community resources to increase student achievement, create opportunities, and build support for the Boulder Valley School District.

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