

A group of five diverse school children (three girls and two boys) are smiling and posing in a classroom. They are wearing backpacks and holding books. The background shows a bulletin board with colorful sticky notes and educational posters.

**IMPACT**  **ON EDUCATION**  
Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools

**ACCESSIBLE, ENGAGING AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION**  
**2023 IMPACT REPORT**

## OUR VISION

An equitable future for public education across Boulder Valley's public schools.

We equalize opportunity, bolster academic success, and galvanize community engagement to create lasting change. Through our investments, we address systemic barriers that impact students based on socioeconomic status, race, gender, class and other marginalized identities.

## THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

When uncontrollable factors impact student academic success, we call this the opportunity gap.

**BVSD has one of the widest opportunity gaps in the State of Colorado.** And that's why we prioritize programs and investments that support families with low-income and historically marginalized students.

**Our work provides students access to excellent and equitable education.**

Did you know Colorado spends \$3,087 below the national average per student?

## OUR MISSION

To support Boulder Valley public school students with community funding and resources in order to meet critical needs and eliminate opportunity gaps.

Our 2023 investment

**\$2,500,000**



BVSD spans 11 different communities and includes:

**28,000**

STUDENTS

**56**

SCHOOLS

**4,000**

EDUCATORS

We invest in a broad range of programs to help ensure students facing barriers to success have access to the same learning opportunities as their peers.



“ We believe every student in our community deserves access to public education. Impact on Education knows how to find the most efficient and impactful ways to provide students with the opportunities and resources they need.

– Jessica & Matt Benjamin

Learn about our 40-year history, our strong partnership with Boulder Valley School District, and how your gift will increase equity in our public schools.

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# COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS OPPORTUNITIES



## CAREER READINESS ACADEMY

Through after-school workshops 10th grade students received training and resources to empower them for success after graduation. Students explored their interests and learning opportunities available for them to pursue in high school and beyond.

60

STUDENTS

24

WORKSHOPS

3

SCHOOLS

On behalf of generous families and community organizations committed to supporting public education, we awarded **\$25,000 in scholarships** to 21 BVSD graduates.



We covered test fees that allow bilingual high school students to earn up to 16 college credits.

Students who pass the test also become eligible for Colorado Department of Education's ASCENT program, which offers a free year of college tuition.







## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### KINDER BRIDGE

Our summer enrichment program was offered at Emerald, Whittier, and Lafayette elementaries, and Monarch PK-8. Transportation, school supplies, and nutritious meals were provided, along with a preview of the first month's curriculum and lessons on healthy behaviors and social-emotional well-being.

**160**

STUDENTS

**105**

LEARNING HOURS

**4**

LOCATIONS

“They’re riding the bus, they’re getting a full day. They are going to specials. They get to learn how to stand in line and how to walk from their classroom to the lunchroom and how to put their stuff away in their cubby. **I saw a lot of growth in school readiness.**”

– Lead BVSD Educator, Kinder Bridge

**WOW! Children’s Museum** brought a “Romping Stomping Dinosaurs” program to each site and welcomed parents to participate, helping their little learners practice counting and comparing.

In partnership with **Parent Possible**, families were encouraged to download the Vroom app which offers science-based activities that boost children’s brain development and help prepare them for school.

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



15

SPEAKERS

250

ATTENDEES

1000

VIDEO VIEWS



We gathered clinicians, health professionals, educators and people with lived experiences, for **a conversation on youth mental health.**

The event discussed challenges facing youth today, offering tips and resources for parents. Recordings are available in English and Spanish.

# MENTAL HEALTH STAFF



4

STAFF

6,282

STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS

Impact on Education funding enables mental health staff in BVSD to support the students and schools most impacted by the Marshall Fire.

These positions saw 4,640 students during the 2022-23 school year and provided 1,025 consults to students, families and staff.

This year Impact on Education committed over \$1,200,000 to provide



During the first three months of the 2023–24 school year, BVSD students made over 6,150 visits to BVSD Wellness Centers to relax, refocus and seek support.

## 42% OF STUDENTS

reported feeling so sad or hopeless regularly for at least a two-week period that they stopped doing their normal daily activities.

*2021, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*



## WELLNESS CENTERS



**7,441**

STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS

**6**

SCHOOLS

We're funding six high school Wellness Centers because we believe they're powerful tools for supporting our youth and helping them thrive.

Each Wellness Center provides students with an accessible, safe space on their school campus that offers mental health support and promotes social-emotional wellness.

**the BVSD community access to mental health support and resources.**

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND

**\$133,000**

AWARDED

**117**

GRANTS

Awarding grants to educators and schools helps bridge opportunity gaps and create a level playing field for all BVSD students.

These grants are **a valuable resource for learning**. We prioritize requests that expand access to resources, opportunities, and support for students from marginalized and underserved communities.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



“It’s remarkable to see the ingenuity and passion BVSD educators bring to their grant applications, **all in the pursuit of enriching their students’ educational journeys**. I volunteer to review grants because I believe they’re a vote of confidence for our teachers and can uplift the entire school community.

– *Laura Arentsen*





EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

# IMPACT AWARDS

## 2023 Blake Peterson Lifetime Achievement Award

**GLEN EINREM**

ICAN Paraeducator  
Monarch High School

## 2023 Imogene Maxon Early Educator Award

**SUE CROWLEY**

4th Grade Teacher  
Alicia Sanchez Elementary



**This year's Impact Awards was the 30th annual community-wide celebration, and we honored an educator from every BVSD school.**

When we use the word educator, we're referring to classroom teachers, custodians, office managers, food service employees, crossing guards, volunteers — anyone whose work engages and enriches the lives of students.

The Impact Awards are one way we're supporting and encouraging every educator in BVSD to continue doing what they do best.



## CRAYONS TO CALCULATORS BVSD



BVSD students facing financial hardship received school supplies and a new backpack at the beginning of the school year.

**5,000**

STUDENTS IMPACTED

## LEARNING TOOLS

## MULTICULTURAL ART SUPPLIES



We provided multicultural art supplies to each elementary classroom and middle school art room across BVSD.

**24**

SKIN TONES

**17,000**

STUDENTS

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



“ I was honored to be part of this initiative because it enriches the lives of BVSD students. **It’s more than just giving them tools to draw and create**; it’s about affirming their identities, celebrating their uniqueness, and fostering an inclusive environment where every child feels seen and valued. ”

– Jann Oldham





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## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### MONTHLY GIVING

Join a dedicated group of supporters, our Compass Club, by setting up a monthly gift that powers public education. Recurring gifts support our work year-round.

### PLANNED GIVING

When you make a planned gift to Impact on Education you **become a member of our Legacy Society**. Your future gift allows us to plan for growth, assure sustainability and extend commitment to equitable public education to the next generation of students and educators.

Planned gifts include bequests, gifts from a retirement account or insurance policy, creating a charitable trust, or gifts of real estate or other tangible property.

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**AMPLIFY OUR VOICE**

Forward our monthly newsletter, engage with us on social media, and share the important work we're doing.

It takes all of us working together to provide students in Boulder Valley School District access to excellent and equitable education.

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