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in 17 years

A CRITICAL TIME IN EDUCATION

OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER

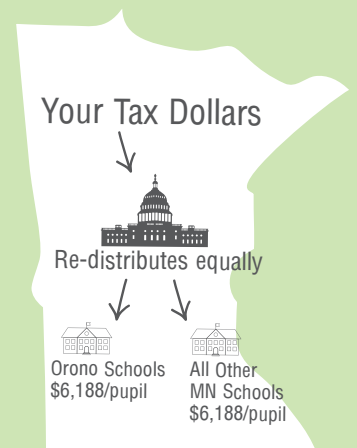
Minnesota school districts are facing increasing budget pressures as the State's basic education funding has **not kept pace with inflation**. Schools would receive \$550 more per pupil today if the basic education funding formula had simply kept pace with inflation since 2003. The state only funds for adequacy. **Our community and students deserve more than adequacy in education.**



TAX DOLLARS ARE NOT ENOUGH...

Minnesota public schools are primarily funded by tax dollars, **but not all tax dollars are kept in our district**. Rather, the state re-distributes these funds so each school district gets the same basic amount per pupil.

The only dollars guaranteed to stay in our district are referenda funds approved by Orono School District voters and private donations such as those given through the Orono Foundation.



YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NEEDED

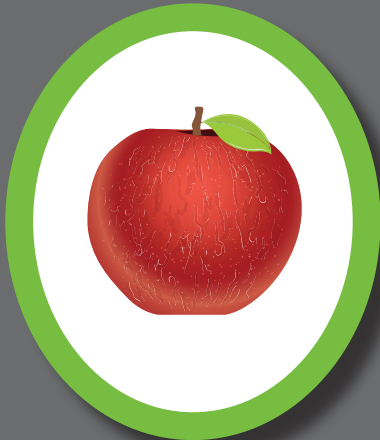
The Orono Foundation for Education invests in students, teachers and curricula, which enables Orono to implement critical programs and accelerate growth of our students. The annual grants, funded by parents, community members and local businesses, have a cumulative effect. These have helped propel Orono to become a top-ranked and high-demand school district.



BECAUSE OF YOU...

\$7,

IN 17 YEARS WE
HAVE INVESTED
\$7 MILLION IN...



TEACHER
DEVELOPMENT

The school district began maximizing teacher development funds with an initial gift of **\$200,000** to be utilized over multiple years.

Leveraging a best practice model of professional development, Orono teachers train at Universities to be 'coaches' in the enhanced subject matter and then train their colleagues. As a result, more teachers and students benefit



WORLD
LANGUAGES

Nearly **\$250,000** has been granted to the schools to support the expansion of world language programs at Orono.

Foundation funding established a High School Language Lab as well as supported Spanish teaching positions for K-8th grade students



STEM

STEM funding projects have been catalysts for students to unlock creative and critical thinking skills as well as enhance hands-on learning.



Extra funding from the Foundation supported the purchase of a 3-D printer and contributed to the expansion of engineering coursework options.



CHARACTER
EDUCATION

Character education and service learning build on concepts of being kind, civic-minded, and socially responsible which deepen classroom instruction and activities.

Over **\$200,000** has been granted to the schools to help implement and support character education and service learning.



BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS

Funding directed towards buildings and grounds have supported projects such as improving the:

- Libraries
- Weight room
- Playgrounds
- High school entrance
- Auditorium curtain and sound system

These types of facility and safety projects create a more positive environment for students and enhance their entire learning experience.



OTHER
NEEDS

Other Foundation funds have supported:

- Additional teaching positions and specialists, enabling more individualized learning and support
- Annual scholarships for graduating Orono seniors
- Leadership speakers
- Additional AP coursework

LITERACY

The Foundation has granted over **\$230,000** for literacy, which leverages a **best practice model of professional development.**

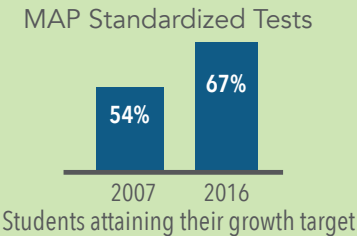
Teachers were trained:

- 10** received phonics training
- 7** received leveled literacy instruction (LLI) training
- 14** more were trained in LLI by their peers

Students benefited:

Overall K-5 literacy education was improved and over **350** kids have received supplemental reading support since 2012. All K-5 students benefited.

Improved test scores:



Your support of the Orono Foundation for Education sends a powerful message to the students and staff at Orono. The work of the Orono Foundation for Education indicates that our community believes in the value of a world-class education for every child, regardless of their ability or background. Because of your incredible support, we can continue to create educational excellence for Orono Schools with a global vision for our future.

Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent, Orono School District

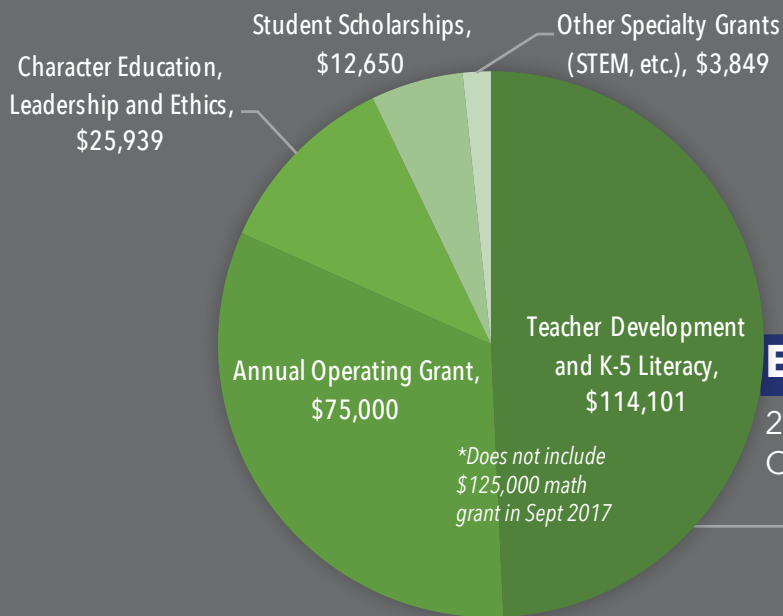
OVER \$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT

The Foundation created an endowment fund to establish a sustainable revenue stream for the school district. By only drawing the interest from the endowment, we can be relied on as a stable funding source to Orono Schools for years to come.

Current Endowment Value: \$1,136,259

WE ARE GRATEFUL

2016-2017 SCHOOL GRANTS



We are fortunate to live in a community that values excellence in public education and understands the importance of engagement. In the last 17 years, Orono parents have demonstrated how direct involvement and personal investment are having a measurable impact on our children's education.

ENDOWMENT

2016-2017 Contributions	+\$23,817
Current Value	\$1,136,259

IMAGINE...

WHAT COULD BE NEXT? Once upon a time, valuable programs like K-12 World Language, STEM, Character Education, and Math and Literacy enhancements were merely "dreams" at Orono. Thanks to the generosity of the Orono community, these dreams are now a reality.

WHAT **MORE COULD WE CONTRIBUTE TO ORONO SCHOOLS IF WE **MAXIMIZED** ALL THE ASSETS WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

ENGAGE...

WHAT ROLE DO YOU WANT TO PLAY? How do you want to make an impact? The impact we are having on our children now will create a ripple effect for generations to come.

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