



*Raising Funds for
Today's Needs &
Tomorrow's Dreams*


ORONO Foundation
FOR EDUCATION

Annual Report
2015-2016

Planting the seeds for success

To date, the Orono Foundation has granted over \$6,000,000 to Orono Schools.

Annual Fund



We support the Annual Fund by donating directly and attending events like the Gala and Great Gatherings. These events are a great way to meet other parents and the proceeds benefit each Orono student.

- Wendy and Jeff Dankey

Provides flexibility to directly and immediately address the most pressing education priorities and strategic needs of our schools K-12, helping us maintain a tradition of academic quality and distinction that makes Orono a stand-out school district. To date, OFE has granted \$6 million to Orono Schools.

Endowment Fund



Endowment is truly the gift that keeps on giving. While we cannot anticipate what the specific needs of Orono might be in the future, making a gift to the endowment ensures that there will be funds available to meet those needs.

- Polly & Bob McCreary

Provides a consistent, sustainable revenue stream of private funds for generations of Orono students, allowing the District to predictably forecast for more strategic, long-term financial planning. Last year, Orono reached the \$1 million milestone for the endowment, which provides constant revenue every year.

Excellence Funds

There are seven distinct areas within the Excellence Funds, making it possible to specify where you would like your gifts to be focused:

Academics Fund:

Provides continued teacher training and instructional tools, increased staff, updated facilities and equipment, and more personalized learning for every student to reach their maximum potential.

Arts Fund:

Creates new opportunities to experience a variety of digital, visual, and fine art forms so students can creatively express themselves and enhance their educational experience.

Athletics Fund:

Augments a variety of athletic opportunities available to students and helps maintain our athletic facilities and spaces to increase enjoyment and safety for participants and spectators.

Buildings & Grounds Fund:

Addresses funding shortfalls for critical facility improvements, enhancements, and greater security.

Leadership & Ethics Fund:

One of only three public schools to be nationally recognized with a National Character Award in 2013, this fund provides new opportunities to continue excellence in this area.

Teacher Development Fund:

Provides transformational development opportunities for teachers to bring innovative teaching and best practices into the classrooms.

Technology Fund:

Provides future technology program investments and equipment enhancements to remain competitive and informed in the ever-evolving tech-sphere.



Planning for the Future

The Endowment Fund offers a long-term vision for investing in our children's education today and for future generations.

Consistent Support Leads to Long-Term Growth and Stability

An endowment fund allows a percentage of the earnings to provide programmatic support. This consistent support allows Orono Schools to count on annual funds to support their long-term vision of providing world-class education to Orono students. The Orono Foundation for Education may use this source of revenue to support on-going programs such as teacher development, math and literacy curriculum enhancements, and character education.

Securing the Future

More than a decade ago the Orono Foundation for Education created the Endowment Fund to establish a sustainable revenue stream for the district.

Important Asset

Endowment funds, conservatively invested in a diverse portfolio of assets, help buffer market downturns, fluctuations in donor contributions, or decreased state or federal support.

Strategic Priority

In collaboration with the Orono School District, our Board of Directors identified a strategic goal to fundraise for the Endowment in honor of the Foundation's fifteenth anniversary. The Board set a target to achieve a \$1million fund balance.

GOAL SET
\$1,000,000

Gala Fund-A-Need

The 350 guests who attended the gala contributed more than \$160,000 for the Endowment Fund, making it the most successful Fund-A-Need in our history. We united as a community and surpassed our target to reach \$1 million in contributions to the fund.

GOAL REACHED
\$1,000,000

Surpassing Our Goal

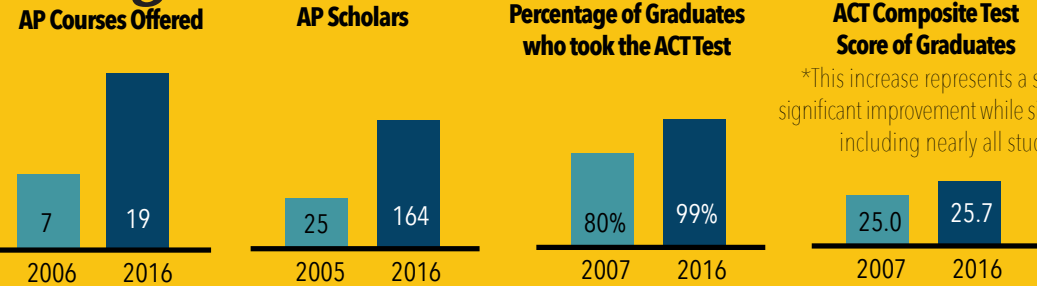
By the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Orono Foundation for Education raised \$202,303 for the Endowment Fund. The Board's \$1 million goal was far surpassed, as we finished the year with an endowment balance of \$1,058,306.

GOAL SURPASSED
\$1,058,306

Fast Facts

Orono Foundation for Education Annual Fund provides Orono Schools with a yearly grant that is used to continue to grow excellence in Orono Schools. It provides the District with the flexibility to apply the funds to key educational priorities most pressing at the time.

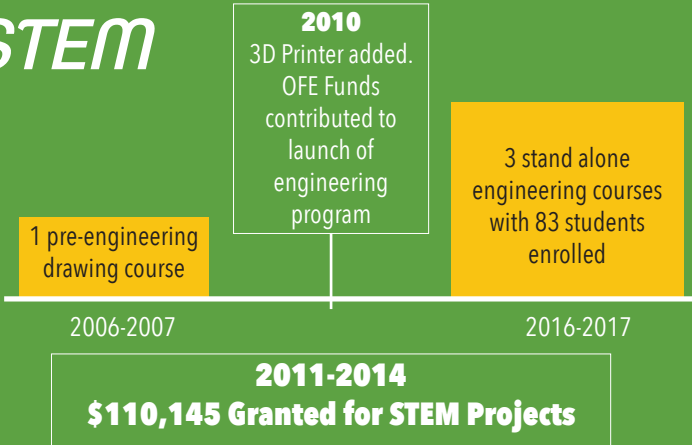
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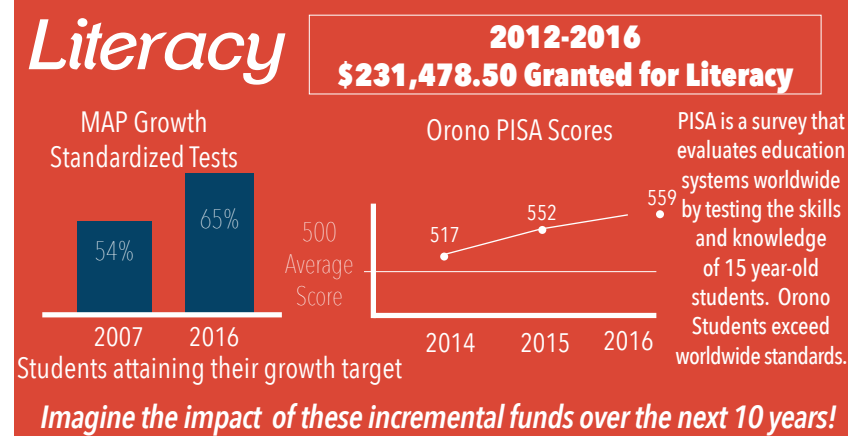
*This increase represents a statistically significant improvement while simultaneously including nearly all students.

Annual Fund dollars have served as a catalyst. Without the Annual Fund resources it would be difficult to maintain the programs that enhance our success.
- Dr. Karen Orcutt, Orono Superintendent

STEM



Literacy



Character Education - Leadership & Ethics



2011-2015
\$200,582 Granted

Orono Schools and the Orono Foundation have partnered to improve school culture through character development theory and everyday practice

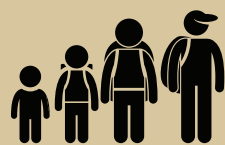
World Languages



In 2007, World Language was only offered in grades 8-12.

2007
\$125,000 was given to establish a High School Language Lab

2012-2014
\$117,400 was given to support a Spanish Teaching Position K-7



Today you can find Spanish offered in all K-12 schools and Chinese has been added in 8th grade.

Teacher Training

\$205,500

From 2012-2015 \$50,000 per year has been granted for Teacher Training

3 Teachers Added

Specialized Training

- K-2 Early Reading Interventionist
- K-5 Math Specialist
- K-12 Service Learning Coordinator
- Assessment Training Institute
- Character Counts Training
- Literacy Learning Training & Coaching
- Singapore Math Training
- National Service Learning Conference
- Reading & Recovery Training

Financial Summary 2015-2016

Revenue and Support

Contributions	\$464,549
Special Events - net	\$141,287
Investment Income	\$54,676
Other Revenue / In Kind	\$23,522
TOTAL REVENUE	\$684,034

Expenses

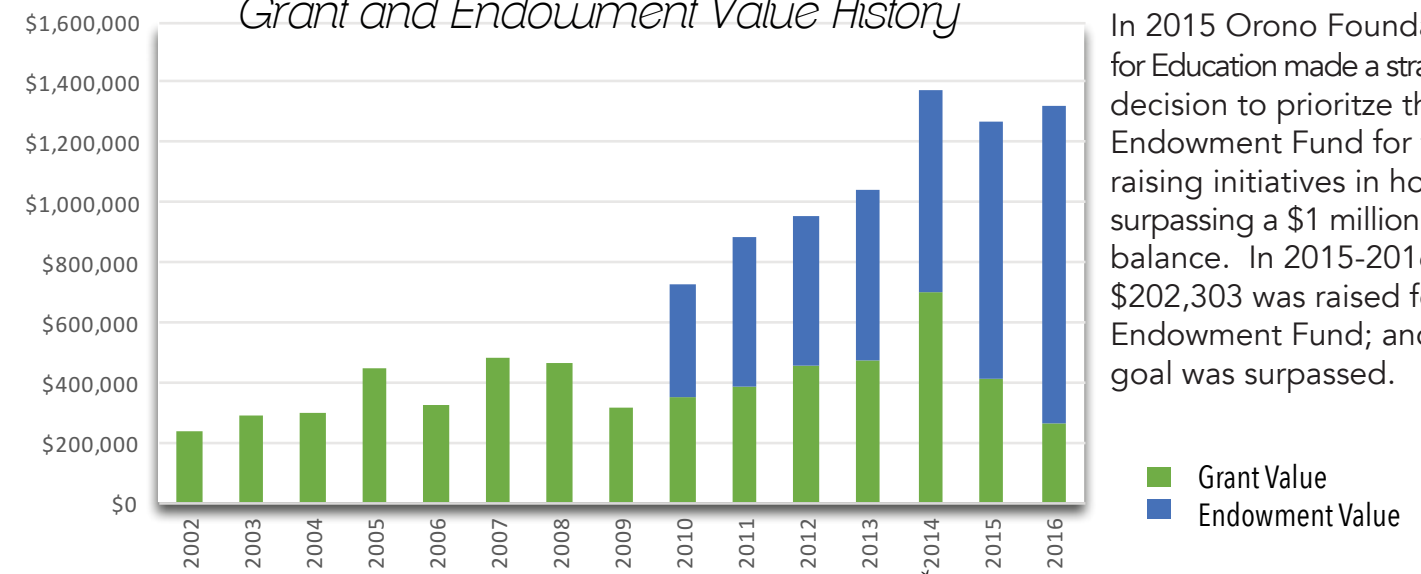
Grants to Orono Schools	\$262,737
Other Services to Orono Schools	\$20,985
Management and General Expenses	\$181,418
Fundraising Expenses	\$132,745
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$597,885

Grants to Orono Schools for 2015-2016

Student Scholarships	\$21,200
Leadership and Ethics	\$6,848
Annual Operating Grant	\$150,000
K-5 Literacy	\$50,000
Faculty Professional Development	\$5,507
Science and Technology	\$4,674
Other Specialty Grants	\$24,508

Total Grants to Orono Schools **\$262,737**
Total Endowment Funds Raised **\$202,303**

Grant and Endowment Value History



* 2014 includes \$250,000 single gift



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