

The Commitment

Over thirty years ago, Bellevue residents determined they would take action to assure that Bellevue children receive the high quality public education they need. They formed the Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) to support fulfillment of the Bellevue School District's mission which is: "To provide **all students** with an exemplary college preparatory education so they can succeed in college, career, and life."

In Bellevue, "all" MEANS "all!"

BSF translates this statement into funded programs designed to enable every student to progress from wherever he or she started – as a high capability learner, as someone working to add English to the languages mastered, or as an "average" student.

Given insufficient state funding, particularly in light of Bellevue residents' aspirations for our children, realization of this mission is only possible with community support. We invite you to explore with us how you can help us *Transform Education and Support Students!*

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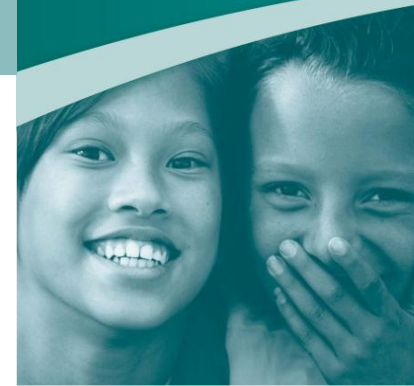
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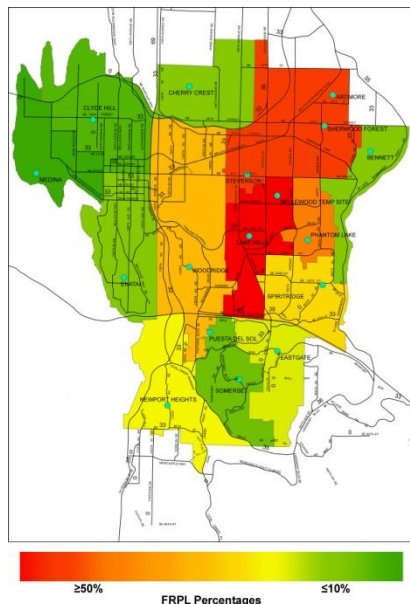
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KEY FACTS
2011





Demographic Snapshot

- 17,700+ students in our 27 schools; 35-65% of students exceed grade-level expectations; 20-50% of students from low-income or non-English speaking households are not meeting standards.
- 49% White, 29% Asian, 10% Hispanic; 9% Multi-ethnic, 3% African American
- 30% speak a first language other than English at home; 84 languages spoken
- 129 homeless students
- District-wide, 22.3% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL); 45-70% of students qualify for FRPL in 4 Bellevue elementary schools
- Percentage of FRPL mapped by school bounday (below):



Helping Donors Make a Difference

A thoughtful, volunteer-driven process directs donors' investments to programs that fall within four "pillars" of activities.

Program examples include:

Academic Rigor:

BSF contributed to, and helped coordinate, the implementation of a new college-preparatory science program for grades 8-10, preparing every student to take AP science courses in 11th and 12th grade.

Student Support

Project Readiness delivers academic intervention and needed services for students in transition: those beginning Kindergarten, those moving from elementary to middle school, and those moving from middle to high school.

Teaching Excellence

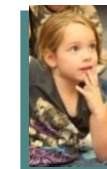
Bellevue School District ranks in the top twenty school districts in the country for new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), thanks to BSF donors' assistance with certification costs.

Community Engagement

BSF's Enrichment and Innovation Grants make it possible for students across the District to experience enriching activities, in or out of the classroom, as well as innovative learning opportunities.

Sample Achievements

- Increased K-12 rigor prepares students for AP/IB participation. This year (2010/11), AP/IB course enrollment in all content areas has topped 7,810 and 88% of graduating seniors will have taken one or more AP/IB class.
- Volunteers provide one-on-one help for students as well as support small groups of students in classrooms across the district. Last year 76% of teachers reported student improvement and 82% of students believed they improved in their academic performance. BSF donors provide half the administrative costs to screen and place volunteers.
- The successful Early Intervention program of *Project Readiness* expanded in the 2009/10



academic year to serve five more elementary schools serving low-income populations, all of which reported over 80% of students reaching standard by the end of the year, with most over 95%.

- BSF has helped over 265 teachers achieve their National Board Certification. Results include an 88% first-time pass rate for Bellevue teachers (the national average is 43%) and the greatest number of NBCT in Washington State. Multiple studies have shown that the National Board Certification process makes a measurable impact on student learning, engagement and achievement, especially for struggling students.