



# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION AND PTA/PTSAs?

The Bellevue School District serves a diverse student and family population in one of Washington’s largest and fastest growing cities. The Bellevue School Foundation is a nonprofit (501c3) with a mission to promote and fund the best possible learning opportunities for ALL students in Bellevue’s public schools.

The District funds our schools through state funds, bonds, and levies. Those sources provide an excellent education that is rich in electives, foreign languages in middle school, an extended 7-period day for grades 6-12, and much more.

In addition to public funding, two more important organizations are serving our students: The Bellevue Schools Foundation and your school’s PTA/PTSA (Parent/Teacher/Student/Association).

## WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

	Bellevue Schools Foundation	PTA/PTSA
<b>Overview</b>	Bellevue Schools Foundation provides funding for critical district-wide initiatives in all schools, supporting over 18,000 students in Bellevue.	This all-volunteer organization enhances your student’s experience at a specific school. They are a resource for families and school communities. Their heart lies in impactful advocacy focused on the well-being and education of all children through local, state, and national legislation and policy.
<b>Reach</b>	The entire Bellevue School District, including your local school.	Your local school; where your student(s) is (are) enrolled.
<b>Funds</b>	District-wide initiatives including early learning, computer science, mental health, National Board Certification for educators, BOOM, mini grants for educators, and more.  Grants to educators and individual schools through their Arts, Enrichment, and Innovation Grants and their Inspiration and Incubation Grants.	Designs and runs student programs and activities, as well as provides support for school run student programs, community building, school events, field trips and classroom guest experts. They work with the principal, staff, and the teachers to meet the unique needs and requests of that particular school. They also recruit and support the many volunteers who help out on campus for things like picture day, hearing/vision screenings, library support, and more.
<b>Resource Distribution</b>	Bellevue Schools Foundation uses an equity lens when distributing funding, with the awareness that some school communities are more resourced than others in the community.	All funding raised through your local PTA/PTSA is distributed to your local school. The budget for each PTSA is approved by the members.
<b>Tax-Deductibility of Donations</b>	501(c)3 Fully tax-deductible	501(c)3 Fully tax-deductible
<b>Leadership</b>	Foundation Staff and BSD Leadership	Parents, Educators, and Local School Leadership
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://bellevueschoolsfoundation.org">bellevueschoolsfoundation.org</a>	<a href="#">PTA/PTSA Website Directory</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:info@bsfdn.org">info@bsfdn.org</a>	Each PTA/PTSA has their own website with local contact info.

Both organizations work in concert to create an exceptional experience for your children, your family, and your community. And, both these organizations count on your support to fund their work. Please consider extending your support to both BSF and your PTA/PTSA. They are working hard every day to ensure your child has a wonderful school experience.