

Bellevue Schools Foundation supporters are investing **\$1 million** this year in programs that transform education and support students. Here are some of the ways these investments support kids at **Bellevue Big Picture School**:

- **Social/Emotional Learning (SEL):** SEL helps students develop skills to address stress, positive relationships, and responsible decision-making to support a positive and productive life. SEL skills are linked to academic and life success. Last year, Restorative Practices were piloted in Bellevue middle schools to build community and positive relationships. **\$235,000** invested to date in the secondary SEL initiative.
- **K-12 Computer Science Initiative:** One of the first-in-the-nation integrated K-12 computer science/computational thinking curricula. At the middle school level, we are piloting computer science lessons in core science, math, and social studies classes, and special education to help close gender gaps and gaps for other underrepresented students in computer science education. The initiative also supported development of Python Computer Science electives for middle school. To date, Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have invested **\$400,000** in this cutting-edge initiative.
- **College & Career Next Steps Initiative:** 2017-18 was year six of this **\$850,000** investment to improve access and preparation to apply to college and other post-secondary educational opportunities. This initiative provides counselor training, student 24/7 access to *Naviance*, an online college and career-planning tool, including SAT/ACT prep, resume and college application support. *Naviance* is a valuable tool for middle school students to explore careers and plan for high school course work.
- **BOOM & SHOUT:** Engages Black, Native American, Latino/a, Pacific Islander/Southeast Asian students with speakers and adult mentors who identify with them on racial, cultural, and social topics. Last year, **Big Picture School students participated** with over 600 students from across the school district to learn leadership skills, college and career readiness, and community building. **\$40,000** invested over two years in this new innovative program.



“The Bellevue Schools Foundation has been an invaluable partner to Bellevue Big Picture School since the school’s inception in 2011. With the Foundation’s assistance, we established the first Makerspace in the district, bringing cutting-edge STEM tools and technology to our 21st-century learners. In addition, BSF enhanced our project-based approach making learning relevant and community-centered by supporting various field trips and experiences.... BSF is truly an exceptional organization that is committed to helping all students and schools in Bellevue.”

*—Bethany Spinler, Principal,
Bellevue Big Picture*

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Visit the Bellevue Schools Foundation website, www.BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org, to learn more about educational programs at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

- Arts, Enrichment & Innovation (AE&I) and Music Grants:** Teachers can apply for grants to fund music, field trips, and more. Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have provided over **\$2.25 million** in these school enrichment grants over multiple years, including many grant awards to **Big Picture School teachers** for field trips, art, STEM, and more. See the table for this year's **grants to Big Picture School**.

2017-18 AE&I Grants	Teacher	Award
Big Picture Maker Space Project Tools and Supplies	Park	\$500
Field trip to Tree House to Launch 6th Grade Math PBL Project	Park	\$1,000
Initiation of Music Club at Bellevue Big Picture	Spinler	\$500

- National Board Certification:** Big Picture School teachers received support for their National Board Certification. **10% of Big Picture School teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher's expertise and love of learning in classrooms every day. The Foundation has invested more than **\$950,000** to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington State in total National Board Certified teachers.
- Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program:** VIBES mentors support **Bellevue Big Picture School students**. Last year, VIBES mentors guided more than 4,500 students in Bellevue's public schools. Foundation donors have provided **\$1.68 million** to support mentoring for 25+ years.
- Bellevue Big Picture Learning Through Interest Internship program:** Bellevue Schools Foundation has hosted multiple **Bellevue Big Picture High School Interns**. Last year, Bellevue Schools Foundation provided guidance for the HE ART (High-schoolers Expressing ART) project, which was founded by 4 entrepreneurial Big Picture seniors. It featured a short-term pop-up gallery in Crossroads Mall showcasing and selling curated student artwork. All proceeds were donated through the Bellevue Schools Foundation to support Bellevue School District art programs. Learn more at <https://www.heartgallerybellevue.com/> and on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/loFcbGiz2aQ>. New interns will be supporting the project this year.

