

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 **Wilburton Elementary School:**



- **Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics (STEAM):** This five-year, **\$1 million** investment to innovate the 20-year-old elementary STEAM curriculum, provided professional development for classroom teachers, engaged families in STEAM learning, and launched after-school robotics and coding activities for students.
- **K-12 Computer Science Initiative:** Bellevue's K-12 computer science initiative is one of the first-in-the-nation integrated K-12 computer science/computational thinking curricula. At the elementary school level, we are training teachers and piloting computer science lessons in language arts, math, science, social studies, and special education to develop interest and ability for students underrepresented in computer science, like girls. To date, Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have invested **\$650,000+** in this cutting-edge initiative.
- **Culturally Responsive & Innovative Kindergarten Literacy:** Wilburton kindergarteners will benefit from culturally responsive curriculum and balanced literacy instruction through guided reading with books that reflect our city's multi-cultural community. This year, donors are investing **\$40,000** in this initiative to help increase reading proficiency for our students.
- **Early Learning:** Bellevue Schools Foundation donors are providing tuition assistance to preschool-age children experiencing homelessness or great needs. State funding falls short of needs for early learning in our community. Young children experiencing homelessness need high quality early learning in a nurturing, full-day program and benefit tremendously from the evidence-based curriculum and access to social services. Donors have provided **\$400,000** to help our neediest early learners.
- **National Board Certification:** Bellevue School District teachers received support for their National Board Certification. National studies show that the quality of a child's teacher makes the biggest difference in the quality of their education. The Foundation has invested over **\$980,000** to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington State in total National Board Certified teachers.
- **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. Bellevue Schools Foundation looks forward to awarding Wilburton Elementary its first grants this year.
- **Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program:** Donors have invested more than **\$1.75 million** in VIBES mentoring to support students in academic and personal growth. Last year, VIBES mentors guided over 4,500 students in Bellevue's public schools.

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