COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2019-2020

INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS!

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INVESTING IN VANCOUVER YOUTH

The Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) serves over 23,000 youth in 37 schools and programs. Support for the Foundation for VPS helps students in need overcome barriers to learning and enriches the school experience to promote achievement for all students.

The students we serve:

50% of VPS students are from families with incomes below federal poverty guidelines (i.e., qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch), with some VPS schools as high as 88%.

800+ students experienced homelessness during the past school year.

Approximately 1 out of 5 VPS students are chronically absent.

Our students are from diverse backgrounds, with 66 languages spoken and 19% with a home language other than English.

In 2019-20, funding to the Foundation for VPS addressed barriers to learning associated with poverty, supporting students through:

- Food, clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene
- Housing stability support
- Health, dental & vision care, mental health
- School engagement grants, student enrichment, mentoring programs
- Family & community engagement
- Early learning programs

By leveraging funds along with community resources, we can quickly meet emerging needs.

2019-20 Direct support to students:

$904,212

60% Basic Needs

21% Student Enrichment, Engagement, & Mentoring

13% Early Learning

6% Family & Community Engagement
COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to donors...

Barriers to learning associated with poverty were removed so that students can come to school happy, healthy, & ready to learn:

- Basic needs funding, including Emergency Checkbooks for all 37 school buildings
- 4,000 cafeteria meals
- 1,400 thrift store vouchers & 1,000 grocery store gift cards for emergency needs
- 243 children from 114 families received housing stability assistance to prevent eviction
- 42 students were provided with vision referrals & assistance

Students accessed engagement opportunities & were paired with mentors to spark their interests, connect to their passions, and help envision their future:

- Over $100,000 in enrichment grants & engagement activities benefiting students at every school through projects, programs, & experiences inside & out of the classroom
- Mentoring programs at all grade levels including the Lunch Buddy program & middle school lunchtime mentoring; & funded programs offered by Police Activities League, Girls Inc, & Saturday Academy

School communities were strengthened by family and community engagement activities:

- Family-Community Resource Centers hosted 213 family engagement events attended by 9,767 adults & 10,331 children

Early learning initiatives helped our youngest learners begin school ready to learn:

- Funding assistance for 1-2-3 Grow and Learn programming, held at 14 schools, engaging 2,959 children, birth-5, and their caregivers
- Evening Preschool offered at 13 schools, reaching hundreds of students & parents

"When the community comes together to support students, they can succeed and thrive. Students don’t have to worry about whether they can eat, or if they will be safe and warm. Your support really does change lives."

-Jennifer Blechschmidt, VPS Principal
SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

It starts with a simple premise. In order to address the biggest challenges facing Vancouver children, and to achieve systemic and lasting improvements, the path for change leads through local schools and community support.

Vancouver Public School’s Community Schools model unites schools, families, and communities to address opportunity and achievement gaps and improve student learning.

The district’s Family-Community Resource Centers (FCRCs) serve all VPS schools through a network of 18 on-site centers and two mobile units, providing families with access to academic and early learning programs, health and social services, youth and community activities, and other services and resources.

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FoundationforVPS.org

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Foundation for VPS
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Call us at 360-313-4723 to learn more.

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“Covid has created a greater stress for families who were already struggling with lack of resources. Grocery gift cards from the Foundation provide food for families in highest need.”
-Hilda, VPS Family-Community Resource Coordinator

“There were times that if I didn’t go to school, I probably wouldn’t have eaten that day. I don’t think I would have graduated high school without the support of the Foundation and school staff.”
-Caiti, 2019 VPS graduate

“Without assistance from the Foundation’s Housing Stability Fund, I would have been homeless and my daughter would have been placed in foster care.”
-Leigh, VPS parent

Partnerships strengthen our schools and communities!
BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS MAKING A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR SCHOOLS

Many businesses and organizations partner with the Foundation for VPS to make a lasting impact in our schools. We are grateful to the many Champions, community partners and individuals who made financial contributions and pledges in 2019-21. We are extremely grateful for thousands of individual donors and over 200 in-kind donors and partners.

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