



Foundation
FOR VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS!

**2021-22 Partnership Opportunities
and Community Impact Report**

INVESTING IN VANCOUVER YOUTH

The Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) serves 22,000 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:

Nearly 50% of VPS students are from families with incomes below federal poverty guidelines (i.e., qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch), with some schools as high as 86%.

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 70 languages spoken.

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

In 2020-21, funding to the Foundation for VPS addressed barriers to learning associated with poverty, supporting students through:



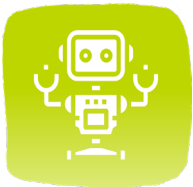
Food, clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene



Housing stability support



Health care; dental, vision, mental health



School engagement grants, student enrichment, mentoring programs



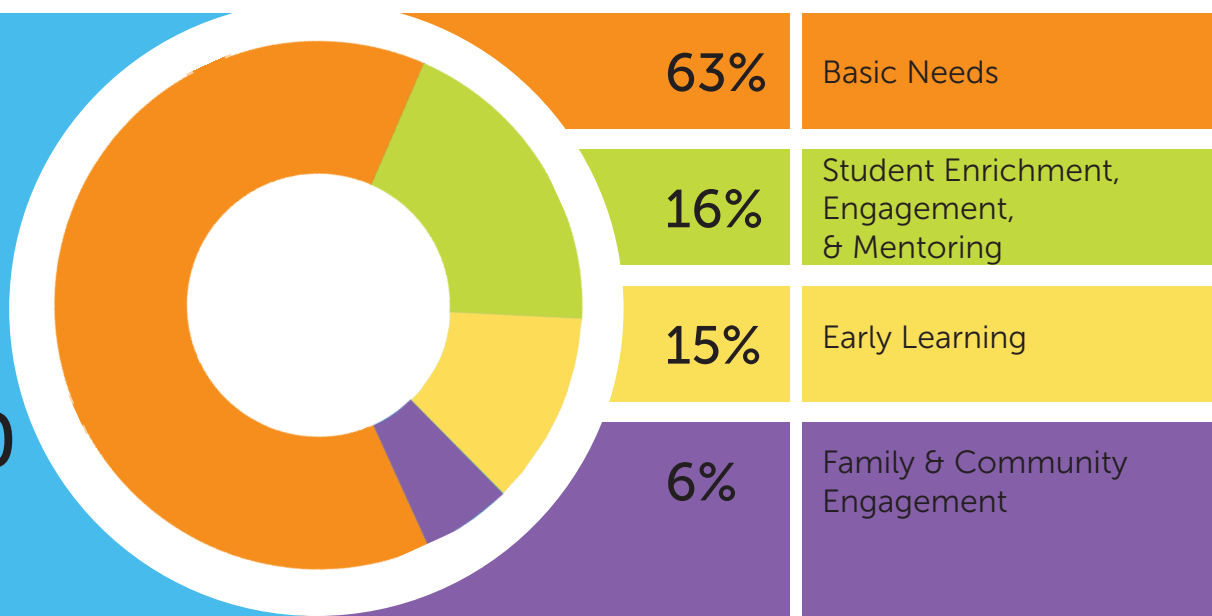
Early learning programs



Family & community engagement

2020-21
Direct
Support
to Students:

\$869,300



COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to donors...

Barriers to learning associated with poverty were removed so that students could come to school happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

Students accessed engagement opportunities and connected with mentors to spark their interests, discover their passions, and envision their future.

School communities were strengthened by family and community engagement activities.

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



2020-21 impact at a glance...

- Basic needs funding, including Emergency Checkbooks, thrift store vouchers, and grocery store gift cards for emergency needs at all 37 school buildings
- Housing stability assistance prevented eviction of 149 children from 71 families
- Vision, dental, mental, and other health services were provided to students
- School supplies and basic needs support to helped students in need start the school year ready to learn
- Over \$60,000 in enrichment grants and engagement activities benefited students through projects, programs, and experiences inside and out of the classroom
- Mentoring programs, after school sports programs, and camps were provided free of charge
- VPS Family-Community Resource coordinators hosted 99 online and in-person family engagement events
- 1-2-3 Grow & Learn hosted 191 sessions, engaging 2,959 children (birth-5) and their caregivers



Looking ahead to 2021-22...

VPS FCRCs and staff will continue to mobilize in-kind donations and community resources to stabilize students and families at each VPS school. Thanks to financial donations from thousands of supporters, the Foundation for VPS provides VPS with flexible funding to bridge the gap for students with the greatest unmet basic needs. We also provide all students with opportunities for enrichment, mentoring, early learning, and family and community engagement to cultivate and inspire student success.

Some examples of planned Foundation support include:

- \$300,000 direct basic needs support
- \$100,000 school engagement grants
- \$100,000 student enrichment, mentoring programming support for on-site and off-site out of school time programming and experience labs
- \$65,000 family and community engagement opportunities that strengthen family capacity to support student success
- Resources to decrease absenteeism and support social-emotional health and resilience
- Early learning programming



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 23 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.

Leveraging resources



**For every \$1 of funding,
\$4.25 of resources
and services are
leveraged through
community partners.**

Performance Outcomes

VPS measures success by student achievement, safe and supportive environments, and parent and community involvement. VPS data and teacher reports document the impact on student learning:

- Improved student performance
- Increased graduation rates
- Decreased absences
- Reduced disciplinary actions
- Smaller performance gaps between students of diverse ethnic & economic backgrounds

"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

Partnerships strengthen our schools and communities!

WAYS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

Donations

Give securely online:

FoundationForVPS.org

Send check to:

Foundation for VPS

PO Box 6039

Vancouver, WA 98668-6039

Corporate Giving

We work with businesses to customize support that best meets their community investment priorities and marketing goals. The following are some of the ways businesses and employees can invest in student success:

- Monetary donation
- Employee donation matching
- Host a drive
- Event Sponsor
 - Opportunities available for our Annual Luncheon, May 12, 2022

Contact us today to learn more about ways to support VPS students:

Phone: 360-313-4730

Email: FoundationVanPS@VanSD.org



Planned Giving

- Make a gift through your estate by naming the Foundation for VPS in your will or living trust.
- List the Foundation for VPS as a beneficiary of your life insurance or IRA. If you're over the age of 70 1/2 you could make a penalty-free donation through an IRA.
- Fund a life-income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust.

Check with your CPA and/or financial advisor on the strategy that will work best for you.

The Foundation for VPS has been granted non-profit status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Federal ID #91-0971800.

FUND A NEED:

- \$25 buys a grocery or gas gift card
- \$50 provides shoes, clothing, hygiene items or school supplies
- \$125 buys an eye exam and glasses for an uninsured student
- \$250 allows an at-risk child to develop basic literacy skills entering Kindergarten
- \$500 funds a Basic Needs Checkbook for 3 months at one school
- \$1,000 supports family engagement programs at a high-needs school
- \$2,500 funds an enrichment grant for an innovative school-wide project



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join us and invest in student success! Choose the level that best meets your community investment priorities and marketing goals – or contact us to customize a plan:

Community Champions' Circle (investment of \$5,000 or \$10,000 pledged over 3 years)

Community Champions are leaders in our community. These Champions have made a joint investment in the future of our youth. Together, they are committed to removing barriers to learning and providing opportunities for students to thrive in school and out.

Community Champions are recognized throughout the year in Foundation for VPS communications and during community events.



Supporting Partners (investment of \$1,000 - \$4,999)

Your supporting partner level investment may be designated to support a specific focus area, or promoted during an event or campaign. For example:

- Fund an innovative school project or Foundation for VPS initiative.
- Position your support as a challenge match to motivate other donors during one of the Foundation's giving campaigns.

Luncheon Event Sponsorship (\$1,750 - \$20,000)

Our largest community fundraising event will take place May 12, 2022 at the Hilton Vancouver and will be simulcast for guests who would like to join virtually.

The annual Luncheon raises money to help remove barriers to learning for students living in poverty and to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of all students across all 37 VPS schools and programs. Event sponsorships underwrite the cost of the event so that all funds raised directly benefit VPS students.

Sponsors and their guests receive reserved event access. Your company or organization will be promoted in marketing and event communications based on your sponsorship level.

Custom Event or Workplace Giving (any level)

We will work with you to customize a plan and provide a communication tool box to help you raise money or collect supplies to benefit VPS students. This may include: hosting a fundraising event, organizing an employee giving campaign, or promoting a supply collection drive.

NOW is the time to invest in student success & make a difference for Vancouver youth!

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS MAKING A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR SCHOOLS



Thank you to the businesses and organizations who partner with the Foundation for VPS to make a lasting impact in our schools. We are grateful to the many Champions, supporting partners, and individuals who made financial contributions or in-kind donations.

Community Champions' Circle (investment of \$5,000+ in 2020-21 or \$10,000+ over 3 years):

Bassetti Architects
Beaches Giving Fund
Building Changes
Cascades Presbyterian Church
CE John Company, Inc.
City of Vancouver
Columbia Anesthesia Group
Columbia Credit Union
Community Foundation for SW WA
Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Clark
County Fund
Craig Stein Beverage
D.A. Davidson & Co.
Data Abstract Solutions
Dick Hannah Dealerships
First Pacific Financial

The Firstenburg Foundation
Fred Meyer
FVPS Board of Directors & Staff
Gaynor's Automotive
Great Western Malting
Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc.
The Heathman Lodge
iLani Casino & Resort
IMS Capital Management, Inc.
InvestED
iQ Credit Union
Kaiser Permanente
LakeShore Design Studio, LLC
LSW Architects, PC
North Star Restaurants Inc
NuStar Energy LP

OnPoint Community Credit Union
PeaceHealth
The Price Foundation
Riverview Bancorp, Inc.
Skanska USA Building Inc.
Umpqua Bank
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Vancouver
U.S. Bank
Vancouver Methodist Foundation
Vancouver Public Schools Employees
Waste Connections, Inc.
Wells Fargo
Whitaker Ellis Builders
Windermere Real Estate Stellar Group

Supporting Partners (investment of \$1,000-\$4,999 in 2020-21):

The 125 Club
AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC
Amerigroup Washington, Inc.
Banner Bank
Biggs Insurance Services
The Boeing Company
Clark College
Clark Public Utilities
Columbia Bank
Crossroads Community Church
Cruise the Couve
Dubois Neighborhood Association

First United Methodist Church
Goodwill Industries/Columbia-Willamette
Gravitate Design
Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
Hayward Uskoski & Associates, Inc.
Hudson's Bay High School Foundation
Kiddie Academy Vancouver-Salmon Creek
Landerholm, P.S.
Mervyn L Brenner Foundation Inc
Messiah Lutheran Church
Molina Healthcare
New Hope Children

Phoenix Industrial, Inc.
Police Activities League of SWWA
Power Foundation Inc.
Quail Homes
Realvest Corporation
Rotary Club of Vancouver Metro Sunset
SW WA School Retirees Association
Taylor Morrison
Vancouver Education Association
Walmart Foundation
WHY Racing Events
Wisdom Health



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