## Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation 2018-19

The Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation works to secure a variety of resources to enrich and enhance the quality of education provided by Fargo Public Schools that would otherwise not be possible through regular education funding. The Foundation is supported with tax-deductible annual and endowment gifts from alumni, businesses, service clubs, parents, current and former school district staff, and the Fargo community. They manage assets in excess of \$3.3 million and annually distribute more than \$500,000 to support Fargo Public Schools students, programs, and teachers.



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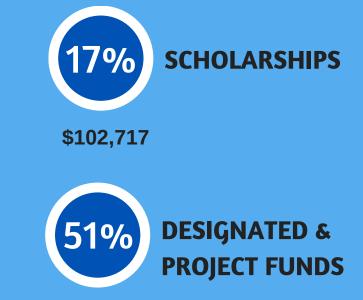
CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAM

**INNOVATIVE ED** 

& LITERACY

**GRANTS** 

\$152,142



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## INNOVATIVE EDUCATION & LITERACY GRANTS

Great teachers help students become great. Research shows that an inspiring teacher is the most important school related factor influencing student achievement. Innovative education and literacy grants are available to provide classroom resources for innovative educational and literacy projects not funded by district, state, or federal monies.



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**







The Foundation administers scholarships on behalf of community businesses, families and organizations. Scholarships are made available through annual donations and investment income from endowed funds. Scholarships are established by people just like you, who wish to honor loved ones or to recognize someone who has made a difference in their lives.

## **CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

The Critical Needs Program is organized by the Foundation to ensure that each and every student who needs help with basic needs receives support. When basic or critical needs such as appropriate clothing for inclement weather, school supplies, meals, health related needs, snack and milk break are not met, students struggle to learn and receive a valuable education.

## **DESIGNATED & PROJECT FUNDS**

The Foundation assists with special fundraising and school programs, and collects designated school donations throughout the year.

## IMPACT A STUDENT'S LIFE! www.fargoschoolsfoundation.org



### Mission~

"Partnering with the Fargo Public Schools, their alumni, and the greater community to enhance and enrich learning experiences to maximize student potential."

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## CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAM 2018.19

Serving Quietly \* Supporting Quietly \* Helping Quietly

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# ABOUT

The **Critical Needs Program** is organized by the Fargo Public Schools Foundation to ensure that each and every student who needs help with basic needs receives support.

Each year Fargo Public Schools students face urgent needs that impact their ability and desire to learn and thrive in the classroom. Lack of basic necessities such as winter weather gear, clothes, shoes, school supplies, meals, health related needs, or an empty cupboard situation should not limit a student from achieving success.

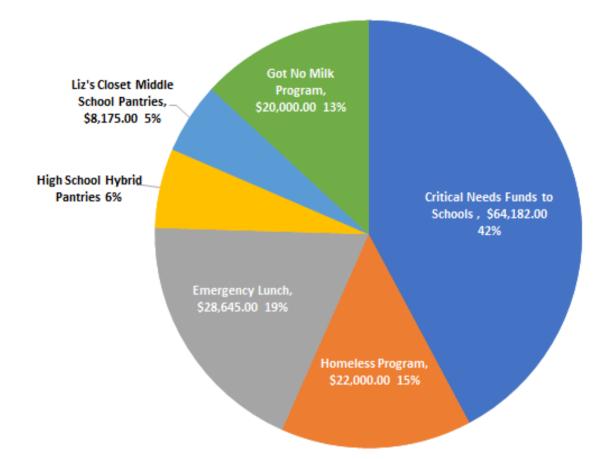
These youth are often at-risk of missing many days of school or dropping out altogether. Meeting these basic needs helps support a positive learning environment.

#### WHAT THE CRITICAL NEEDS PROGAM SUPPORTS

- Critical Need funds to all 23 schools in the district
- Homeless Program
- Got No Milk Fund
- Emergency Lunch Needs
- High School Hybrid Food Pantries
- Liz's Closet (Middle School Hybrid Food Pantries)
- Husky Hutch (Elementary Hybrid Food Pantry)



# THE NUMBERS





# \$152,142

Raised to help students succeed.

## **INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

#### Critical Needs funds to all 23 schools~

Critical Needs Funds are provided each semester to all 23 Fargo Public Schools as well as Early Childhood Special Education, Even Start, and Indian Education. During the 2018-19 school year over \$64,000 was distributed to help students with critical needs as they arise. This includes helping with things such as school supplies, empty cupboard situations, hygiene supplies, clothing, and helping with extra curricular fees.

#### Homeless Program~

The Foundation helps raise dollars to ensure all resource are available to these students.

- 125-130 students identify as homeless during a school year. All of our schools have homeless students enrolled throughout a school year.
- About half of the students are doubled-up or "couch surfing," many of them moving to a different place every couple of nights.
- On average 15 students stay in hotels.
- About 20% are staying at a shelter.
- Students are often unsheltered. (cars, campers, etc.)

#### Emergency Lunch~

All students at Fargo Public Schools receive a hot lunch regardless of their families ability to pay. The Emergency Lunch Fund is set up to help families, who through no fault of their own may, be facing a crisis situation. In 2018-19 \$28,645 was raised for emergency lunches. This provided over 7,500 lunches for students.

#### Milk and Elementary Snack Program~

Fargo Public Schools, in collaboration with the Foundation ensures that no elementary student will go without milk at snack break. \$20,000 was raised for milk in 2018-19. 333 kids were provided milk or juice for the school year.





# **INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

**High School, Middle School, & Elementary Hybrid Food Pantries~** The Foundation working in collaboration with the Great Plains Food Bank is able to help alleviate child hunger through the provision of food to children and their families at their schools. During the 2018-19 school over 1,600 students and their families received help with food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and other essential items through hybrid food pantries.

**All four high schools** (Davies, North, South, Woodrow Wilson) utilize hybrid food pantries. These pantries provide students and their families with access to emergency food and essential items.

**Liz's Closet** is available in all three middle schools (Ben Franklin, Carl Ben, and Discovery) and is a location in all middle school buildings where students who need items, such as non-perishable food, general hygiene supplies, clothing or other items can pick them out quietly and confidentially.

**The Husky Hutch** is a hybrid pantry located at Clara Barton Elementary and is intended to provide a more readily accessible source of food and clothing assistance to low income students and their families. The Husky Hutch is open to all elementary school children in the Fargo Public Schools network.

### "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." ~Mother Teresa





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