



HIGHLAND PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
**MAD FOR PLAID**  
**2020-2021 IMPACT REPORT**

The Highland Park Education Foundation is extremely grateful for your inspiring and continued dedication to improving the quality of education for our HPISD students. Since 2003, the Mad for Plaid campaign has enabled the Foundation to gift over **\$22 million for our teachers and students district-wide**. Thank you for your generosity that is providing a true lifeline of support for both the Foundation and the District.

**YOUR MOST RECENT GIFT TO MAD FOR PLAID ENABLED THE FOUNDATION TO GRANT OVER \$1.5 MILLION TO HPISD FOR DISTRICT-WIDE TEACHER AND STAFF SALARY SUPPORT.**

**\$1.5M**

The impact of your 2020-2021 donation has translated into a grant of **\$1,565,848.78** for one-time stipends that were given to all teachers and staff in November, and general salary support that equates to \$1,400 for all 850 employees in the District. These funds are critical for the District to meet its baseline budgetary needs for staff, which make up 83% of the total operating budget.



**\$1,400**

What our grant equates to for each of the 850 HPISD employees



## HOW IT STARTED

We started out this school year with complete unpredictability, and it is remarkable to look back and see what our teachers and students were able to overcome. We featured Dr. Jenkins- Advanced 8th Grade Art, Broadcasting, Film Production, Graphic Design teacher- at the beginning of our campaign last October. He wisely said, "Education is a lot more than just knowledge and understanding; it is a moment in time in which the fundamentals of a confident and admirable leader are forged." Our students learned how to forge ahead this year.

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

thanks to your support!



### ADAPTING TO CHANGE

Ruthie Heims at Boone Elementary teaching virtual 3rd grade after starting the year as an instructional assistant, then kindergarten virtual teacher, then 3rd grade teacher.



### LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Armstrong students found joy in learning with fun work like these mobile maker space lab kits in Ms. Smith's classroom.



### WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

Middle school students still found ways to achieve group work, like this STEAM project programming robots.



### THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Choir carried on thanks to the hard work of HPISD Fine Arts staff and students.

## HOW IT'S GOING

Going forward, we hope you will forge ahead with us as supporters of the Foundation and HPISD. **The Foundation is committed in our efforts, collaborating with District leadership to ensure we are meeting HPISD's greatest needs. We can't do it without you.** Thank you again for your trust and partnership to make HPISD the best public school district in the state!

