# FOUNDATION FOR SALINE AREA SCHOOLS



## YEAR IN REVIEW 2019-2020

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNHERST KREITZ

"In the midst of an unprecedented year, it is with great pride that I share with donors that we awarded over \$114,000 in grants to Saline schools this past year. This was made possible by the generosity of the community and the ability of the Foundation to pivot and partner with community volunteers seeking out solutions to make the classroom more accessible in the new virtual world we found ourselves in. Our pivot allowed us to support programs like Saline Live, with the mission of providing reliable internet for all Saline students. During a time of so much uncertainty, the Foundation's commitment to innovative solutions supporting the



students and families in our school district remains a constant. With your continued support, we are able to provide support when and where it is needed and for that we cannot **thank you** enough for your generosity, as it is *essential* to our children's futures."

# TEACHERS' BENEFIT

#### "Reaching Readers Through Books"

The Foundation for Saline Area Schools has done more than just provide funding for updating our books for our third graders. They have provided an opportunity for students to have mirrors to see themselves in their books and windows into the lives of others. This has been crucial in not only fostering student engagement in reading, but also in empowering students and teaching empathy and compassion.

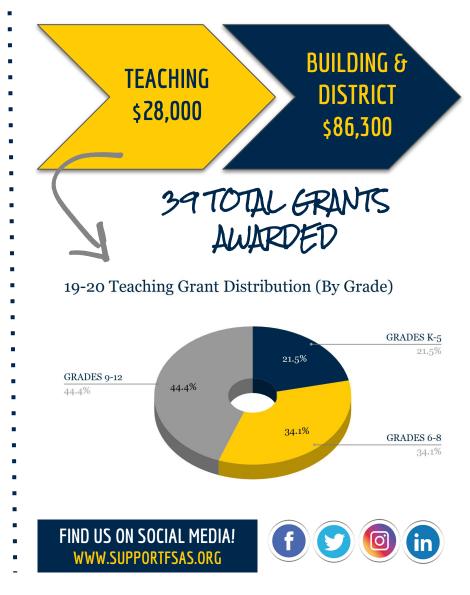
#### Nicole Toth, Harvest Elementary Teacher



#### "Mental Health Services Accessibility"

The Mental Health Accessibility Grant impacted students who would not have been able to access this service on their own. Providing the support to them was tremendously impactful to their lives, especially during the time of COVID. **Michelle Monahan, SHS Counselor** 

### 2019-2020 TOTAL SALINE AREA SCHOOLS GRANTS AWARDED



# FOUNDATION GRANTS COME ALVE



The Book Bike | Harvest, Heritage, Pleasant Ridge & Woodland Meadows Megan Degrand, Heritage Principal

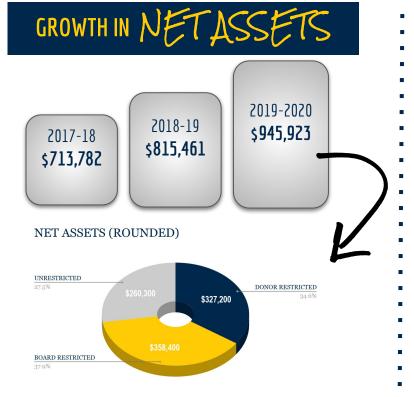
. . . . . . . . . . . . .

"In the past, bookstores, libraries and online purchasing have been how kids acquire books. With the help of many generous donations, the Book Bike puts books in the hands of our students in a nontraditional way. The students love hearing about where and when the Book Bike will show up... And they love walking away with something new to read."

#### Saline LIVE Internet Access Program Anonymous SAS Parents

. . . . . . . . . . . . .

"My daughter's success is very important to me and the volunteers of Saline LIVE played an instrumental part of her success this year. We'll both be forever grateful." **AND** "This is just so amazing! Earlier this year was really rough doing online school with no internet at home. We had to sit in parking lots. Thank you so very much!"



### HISTORIC NEWS! IN SEPTEMBER 2020, THE SALINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GIFTED ITS FINANCIAL ASSETS TO FSAS. WORKING COLLABORATIVELY, WHILE MAINTAINING A STRONG TRADITION, GROWTH IN ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT IS GREATLY ANTICIPATED!



SOURCES OF INCOME



### MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AMY SANKARAN

"It has been a challenging year in so many ways, but one of the bright spots has been seeing our teachers' and administrators' hard work on behalf of our children. I'm honored to play a small part in their efforts through the Foundation. Every dollar we raise is in service of our school district and its mission to educate our children, and our financial support has never been more needed. Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who help us support Saline's children!"

