

# Bainbridge Schools Foundation

# 2026

## *Gratitude Report*



BAINBRIDGE  
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



Dear BSF Friends,

Every school year tells a story. This annual report celebrates what our community accomplished together during the 2025–26 school year and the difference your generosity made in the lives of Bainbridge students.

Your support funded academic intervention for students who needed extra encouragement, professional learning for educators, and new books for each of Bainbridge's seven school libraries. Together, these efforts strengthened teaching and learning across our district.

The impact of your generosity extends well beyond these programs. When a student discovers a love of reading, gains confidence in math, or receives extra support at just the right moment, it can change the course of a school year. When educators feel supported and equipped to grow in their practice, every student benefits. That's the lasting impact of your generosity.

These highlights are only possible because of people like you. Whether you made a gift, volunteered your time, or championed public education in our community, you helped create opportunities that simply would not exist otherwise. As we begin a new school year, we are grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Thank you for believing in what's possible for Bainbridge students and for being part of a community that invests in its schools. We hope you enjoy these highlights from the past year and see the difference your generosity continues to make for students across our district.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky".

**Rebecca Walliman**  
**Executive Director, Bainbridge Schools Foundation**

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## Welcome to Our New 2026-27 Board Members:

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## BSF Staff

**Executive Director** |  
Rebecca Walliman

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+ Thank you to our retiring board members

# 2025-2026 BY THE NUMBERS

## \$548,472

INVESTED IN BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**651**  
**DONORS**



**\$13M+**  
**LIFETIME**  
**INVESTMENT IN**  
**BISD (SINCE 2006)**



**73**  
**HONOR AN**  
**EDUCATOR GIFTS**



**697**  
**NEW LIBRARY**  
**BOOKS**



**7**  
**BAINBRIDGE**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SERVED**



**13**  
**ACADEMIC**  
**INTERVENTION**  
**POSITIONS**  
**SUPPORTED**

*As proud BHS graduates, parents of Bainbridge alumni, and now grandparents of students in the district, we have seen firsthand how strong schools strengthen our entire community. For generations, Bainbridge schools have provided an outstanding education that prepares students to thrive — academically, creatively, and socially.*

**- Rick and Lisa Skelton**

# HELPING EVERY STUDENT SUCCEED

*Your generosity ensures that students receive the support they need to succeed while investing in educators who make a difference every day.*



## ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

**\$375,000**

Funding supports targeted academic intervention through staff and programs across the district, including:

- Reading Club (all elementary schools)
- Achieve (7th & 8th grade at Woodward)
- Academic Workshop (BHS & EHHS)
- Math Club (Sakai)
- Homework Clubs (Sakai & Woodward)
- Makeup Monday (BHS)

**6**

**Certificated  
Interventionists**

**7**

**Intervention  
Paraeducators**

*Supporting students across all buildings and grade levels*



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**\$37,000**

Funding supports educator professional learning in key areas including:

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- LETRS Literacy Training
- Simplified Writing
- Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA)
- Washington School Counselor Association (WASCA)

*"I love my job and BISD, and being able to attend professional development in person to build rapport with others in my field and learn the most up-to-date research was very meaningful for me."*

**- Lee Pruett, School Psychologist**

# INSPIRING CURIOSITY

*Thanks to BSF supporters, every Bainbridge school library received new books, helping students discover new interests, explore new ideas, and build a lifelong love of reading.*



## LIBRARY ENRICHMENT

**\$25,000**

Funding supports new books and resources selected to engage readers at every grade level:

- Every Bainbridge school library received new books
- High-interest selections for students of every age
- Titles supporting literacy, STEM, history, and more



## BUILDING LIFELONG READERS

**697+  
NEW LIBRARY  
TITLES**

From STEM resources to engaging early readers, new collections were thoughtfully selected by Laura Nelson, K-6 Enrichment Coordinator, and Joey Spitz, 7-12 Librarian, to spark curiosity and encourage a love of reading.

*"I can't begin to express my gratitude for all the library books that were purchased for our schools. We needed new books, and BSF met that need. What a great way to involve our community with opportunities to support our schools and libraries."*

**- Joey Spitz, 7-12 Librarian**

# CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

*Great schools are about more than academics. Through athletics, arts, and enrichment opportunities, students discover confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging.*



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**\$13,000**



### GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL 40 STUDENT ATHLETES

BSF funding helped launch Bainbridge's inaugural WIAA-sanctioned girls flag football season, providing stipends for coaches.

#### Highlights:

- Inaugural WIAA-sanctioned season
- Coaching stipends funded through BSF
- Expanded athletic opportunities for female student athletes



### DRAMA & PERFORMING ARTS 50 STUDENTS

Funding supported drama advisor stipends, helping students explore creativity, collaboration, and leadership through theater.

#### Highlights:

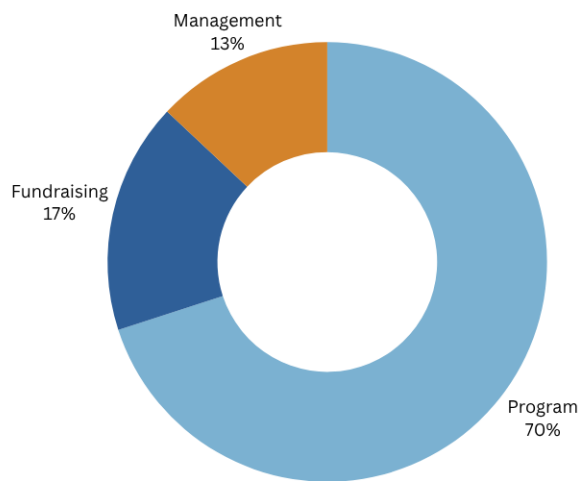
- Winter One Acts
- Spring Musical
- Approximately 50 students participated in each production
- Performers, pit orchestra, and technical crew

*These opportunities were made possible through a grant from Bainbridge Community Foundation, funded by generous community donors who believe in expanding opportunities for Bainbridge students.*

# STEWARDSHIP

## EVERY GIFT MATTERS

*We are committed to thoughtful stewardship, financial transparency, and ensuring every dollar entrusted to BSF has the greatest possible impact for Bainbridge students.*



### **Programs – 70%**

Investments in district priorities, educator support, library enrichment, student activities, scholarships, and donor-designated funding.

### **Fundraising – 17%**

Building sustainable community support through donor engagement and events.

### **Management & Administration – 13%**

Financial management, operations, compliance, and organizational support.



### **Volunteer-Led Board of Directors**

Our volunteer Board of Directors contributes leadership, governance, and expertise in support of Bainbridge Schools Foundation's mission.



### **Financial Oversight**

BSF works with accounting professionals to maintain accurate financial records, prepare required tax filings, and support responsible financial stewardship.



### **Strategic Investments**

Funding decisions are guided by district priorities and student needs to maximize impact for Bainbridge students.



### **Transparent Stewardship**

Every gift represents trust. We are committed to honoring that trust through responsible financial management and clear communication with our community.

*We are deeply grateful for your partnership and the trust you place in Bainbridge Schools Foundation. Every gift reflects a shared commitment to Bainbridge Island students, our educators, and strong public schools.*

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

*The following summarizes Bainbridge Schools Foundation's financial activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.*

### REVENUE

| SOURCE                             | AMOUNT           |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted Donations             | \$764,488        |
| Restricted Donations               | \$100,279        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT</b> | <b>\$864,767</b> |

### EXPENSES

| CATEGORY                    | AMOUNT           |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Program Services            | \$613,039        |
| Fundraising                 | \$147,243        |
| Management & Administration | \$109,414        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>       | <b>\$869,696</b> |

### NET ASSETS

|                    | AMOUNT           |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Beginning of Year  | \$242,704        |
| <b>END OF YEAR</b> | <b>\$237,831</b> |

*Financial information is presented in summary form.  
Complete financial statements are available upon request.*

# Thank You To Our Donors

## \$40,000+

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Anonymous 3 🍏

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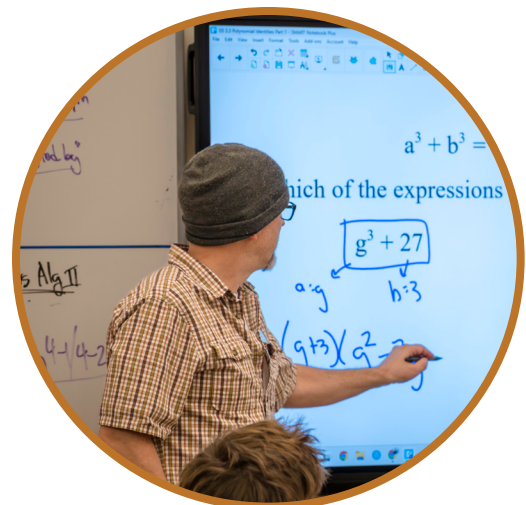
Did you know that when you make a gift in honor of an educator, BSF will send a handwritten note to the teacher or staff member you choose to recognize?

All year long, families honored teachers and staff through dedicated donations, recognizing the incredible impact that these educators have on students and our community. Whether through one-time gifts, special Valentines, or appreciation week and holiday tributes, 73 staff members were celebrated with gifts made in their name. We're so grateful to the donors who chose to give in this meaningful way!

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BSF's support stretches from kindergarten through senior year of high school. It funds things that often happen quietly in classrooms. Impact that isn't always visible right away, but shapes learning for years to come.

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With gratitude,  
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