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**2023-2024  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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### To the Friends and Supporters of the Fort Bend Education Foundation

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Fort Bend Education Foundation (FBEF) are delighted to present this Annual Report, highlighting our accomplishments and activities during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.



Additionally, 300 new teachers received grants of \$43,800, we awarded \$96,200 in Professional Development Grants, and the Foundation managed \$110,600 in Pass Through Grants. As we enter our 32nd year, FBEF has awarded nearly \$36 million in grants to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools. These grants have a profound impact on every school in Fort Bend ISD.

In the past year, we not only met but exceeded our fundraising goals. FBEF has remained steadfast in its mission to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students. We achieve this by funding and awarding grants to teachers, school sites, staff development programs, and district-wide initiatives.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported, volunteered, and served our Foundation. Your unwavering friendship, commitment, and dedication are deeply appreciated. It is an honor to serve as your Board President for 2024-2025. Thank you for your significant and transformative support in enriching the lives of Fort Bend ISD students. On behalf of FBEF's Board of Directors, we look forward to your continued support.

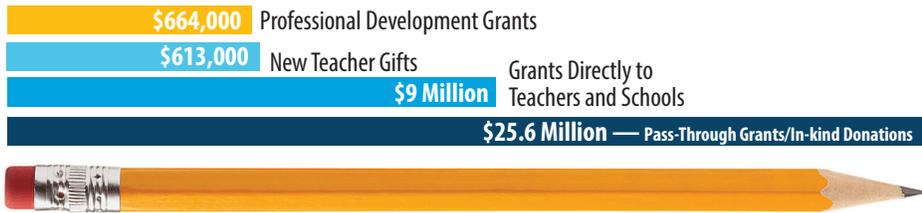
With the generous support of our donors and the tireless efforts of our community volunteers, our signature fundraising events – 24th Annual Back to School Scramble, the 9th Annual Sugar Shindig, the 31st Annual Gala, and the 21st Annual Education Expedition bike ride, enabled us to award over \$771,448 to FBISD teachers and schools through our grant programs.

Sincerely,

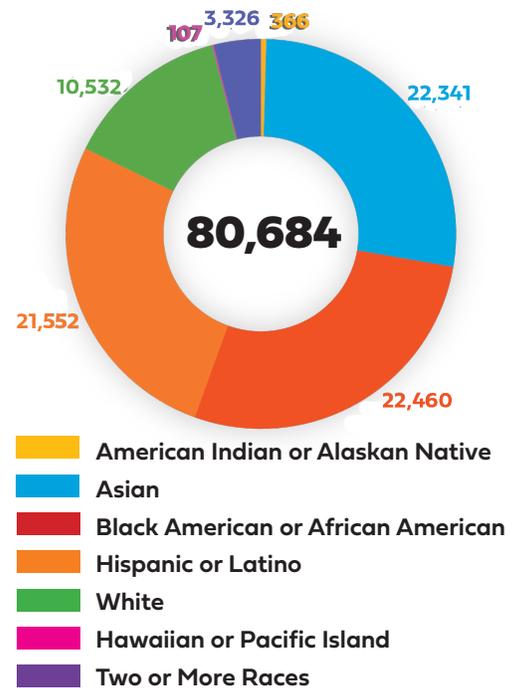
Shefali Jhaveri,  
President 2024-2025

In 2023-2024, FBEF awarded 269 grants for \$520,848 to support the Grants to Teachers and Schools program.

#### TOTAL Contributed Since Inception — Nearly \$36 Million



#### FBISD is a majority-minority school district:



#### By the Numbers:

- Over 80,000 students enrolled in FBISD
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with over 12,000 full and part-time employees
- FBISD currently has 85 campuses: 12 high schools, 15 middle schools, 53 elementary campuses and 5 specialty schools
- 51% of students are economically disadvantaged

#### 2024-2025 EVENTS

September 9, 2024  
25th Annual Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament  
Sweetwater Country Club



October 25, 2024  
10th Annual Sugar Shindig Safari Texas



March 1, 2025  
32nd Annual Gala Houston Marriott Sugar Land

Mark Your Calendar



## 24TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL SCRAMBLE

### Success “fore” Education!

The 24th Annual Fort Bend Education Foundation’s Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament took place on September 11th at Sweetwater Country Club and was chaired by Greene Hendon and Ryan McCauley. Thanks to the generosity of this year’s participants, the event netted **\$148,831** for Grants to Teachers and Schools. The 236 golfers who played in the tournament enjoyed breakfast from Chick-fil-A and an awards luncheon at the end of the day.



## SUGAR SHINDIG 2023



# Sugar Shindig 2023

### Sugar Shindig was a SWEET success . . .

the 9th Anniversary Sugar Shindig had over 750 guests attend and netted **\$55,460** for FBISD teachers and schools! Thanks to everyone who came out to shimmy, shake and eat cake!

Congratulations to Malala ES on for the highest attendance for ES, Hodges Bend MS for highest attendance for secondary, and to Ridgeway ES for the highest percentage in attendance!





THE FORT BEND EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GALA

**"Carnival de Brazil-  
Unmask it All"**

The Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 31st annual gala on March 2nd at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land. "Carnival de Brazil" was an incredible evening that definitely put the fun in FUNdraising!

Gala co-chairs Debra Jhaver and Nappinnai Natarajan are proud to announce that the gala netted **\$405,731** in support of our children's education! The Fort Bend Education Foundation touches every school in Fort Bend ISD enriching and enhancing the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students through its grants programs.

It was a lively evening emboldened with vibrant décor and festive attire. The brightly colored and cheerful setting truly brought the spirit of Carnival de Brazil to life. Attendees mingled, enjoyed raffle drawings and perused the elaborate displays of auction packages and baskets as they bid by phone. The evening's experience intensified with the grand entry by the Sambabom drumline and Samba dancers. The rousing live auction, emceed by Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman, had the crowd bidding high and often. Supporters dined at exquisitely decorated tables and wrapped up the evening dancing to the dynamic sounds of the band Password.

Thank you to all the generous supporters of the Fort Bend Education Foundation and to all those who worked together to make "Carnival de Brazil" a tremendous success. Congratulations to the Fort Bend ISD students and teachers who will benefit from this delightful evening!

Save the date in anticipation of the 32nd Annual Gala Celebration set for March 1, 2025.



Gala Co-chairs



Fort Bend Education Foundation President Andy Cable, FBEF CEO Brenna Cosby, FBISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith and Bhuchar



The Fort Bend Education Foundation provides **New Teacher Gifts** to teachers just beginning their careers. They are given a tote bag full of supplies enabling them to outfit their classrooms from day one.



**Adopt a New Teacher**

**This year we funded 300 new teachers for a total of \$43,800**  
Please consider adopting a new teacher by donating today.  
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EVENTS



2024 EDUCATION EXPEDITION BIKE RIDE  
*Presented by Shottenkirk Kia Fort Bend*

On Saturday, April 6, the Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 21st Annual Education Expedition bike ride presented by Shottenkirk Kia Fort Bend with an awesome turn-out of over 375 cyclists and 250 volunteers! As a result of this successful recommended ride, the Foundation raised nearly **\$30,000** benefiting its Grants to Teachers and Schools programs, which provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students.



Rest Stops were staffed by volunteers including teachers and students from Fort Bend ISD high schools. They were vying for the Best Rest Stop award. The Hightower High School Band won the award! Way to go!

At the end of the ride, participants enjoyed a much deserved grab-and-go breakfast donated by Taco Cabana Pearland and hot lunch provided by FBISD Catering.

We want to thank all the cyclists, sponsors and volunteers who supported the Fort Bend Education Foundation!



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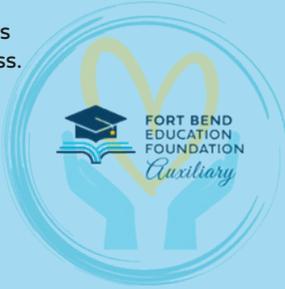
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Who Made the Cake!



The FBEP Auxiliary supports the Foundation by providing volunteers and creating community awareness. The Auxiliary hosts the Annual Sugar Shindig and its members volunteer at various events, including the Campus News Coordinator Reception and the Donor Reception. Below is a photo from one of the Auxiliary recruitment luncheons.



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Join the Fort Bend ISD Alumni Association, and receive information on:

- district news and events (including class reunions and tailgates)
- community points of pride
- how alumni can become more involved in FBISD schools
- profiles of alumni who serve their communities in notable ways
- an alumni directory, where you can submit your name and connect with former friends and classmates

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## Who benefits from the fundraising?

Every school in Fort Bend ISD benefits from the Fort Bend Education Foundation grant programs that train teachers, provide equipment, and offer new instructional experiences to students of all ages. Each year, hundreds of grant proposals are submitted to the Education Foundation. Each proposal undergoes an extensive review process. The number of awarded grants depends upon the amount of money raised through the Education Foundation's annual fundraising events.

This year, the Education Foundation funded **269** grants totaling over **\$520,848** to support the Grants for Teachers and Schools Program. Of all grants submitted, **87%** were funded. Additionally, the Foundation awarded **300** new teacher gifts totaling **\$43,800, \$96,200** in Professional Development Grants, and **\$110,600** in Pass Through Grants. That's a total of **\$771,448** awarded this year alone. The Foundation touches EVERY school in Fort Bend ISD!

### Rita Drabek Elementary

*Grant: Getting Centered in Art Class*

My Fort Bend Education Foundation grant was based on classroom learning centers for the Art Room.. Some of these centers also created a "product" to take home but some did not, helping students to understand that creation is not always about the product, but the experience. -Michele Rose, Art Teacher



### Scanlan Oaks Elementary

*Grant: Drums Talk*

At Scanlan Oaks Elementary our students use the drums obtained thanks to the grant we received. Students are set to improve their performance skills and enhance their emotional and social environment through these sessions. We are grateful we got this grant. Thank you – Aura M. Trevino, Music Teacher



### Kempner High School

*Grant: Future-Proofing Young Journalists with Mobile Reporting Kits*

This grant helped provide a real-world broadcasting experience for our students and minimize financial risks to their families. Students recorded videos and interviews at various events and around the school using grant-funded tools with the technology already in their pockets (the same many professionals use). -Tiffany Fitzpatrick, M.Ed., CJE, Journalism Teacher



### Travis High School

*Grant: Disrupting Traditional Texts*

This grant purchased graphic novels about historical topics relevant to our social studies standards. Students got to "speed date" the books during our "Understanding Comics" literature groups activity. Students participated in mini-lessons applying author's craft skills and historical thinking skills to graphic novels weekly. – Jennifer Orpitelli Gurnea, Social Studies Teacher



## GRANTS IN ACTION

### Madden Elementary

Madden Elementary teacher Raven Davidson makes learning fun for PreK students. Awarded \$1,268 to fund her grant, "Using the Power of Light to Engage PreK Learners," Davidson purchased a color-changing light table with seating and translucent manipulatives (such as alphabet tracing tiles, math trays and letter builders) that students use for math and word play.



### Malala Elementary

To help 5th grade students master math skills in a fun and meaningful way, Malala Elementary School teachers Allyson Huston, Clintonia Williamson and Rabeyya Imran were awarded \$1,480 to fund their "Math in a Flash!" grant. The students use math-related discovery cans, grab and match cards, games and dominoes to complete individual or small group math lessons and challenges.



### Dulles Middle School

To support students' social-emotional well-being, Dulles Middle School gives them access to a calming space on campus. With \$4,901 in funding for the "Serenity Now!" school site grant, Mental Health Therapist Jesse Moreno and colleagues created a safe place for students to come when they feel overwhelmed or stressed.



### Ridgepoint High School

Theatre students at Ridge Point High School are playing it safe as they prepare for stage performances at their school. Thanks to a \$5,000 teacher grant awarded through the Fort Bend Education Foundation, students received hands-on learning experiences, while improving tech theatre skills. They are also demonstrating safety practices when using the new and updated equipment.

