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2025-2026

Community Impact Report



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A year of opportunity, creativity and community.

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Student artwork featured throughout this report was created by San Bruno Park School District students.



A Message from Our President

This year, our community showed once again what's possible when we come together for our students. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the dedication of volunteers, and the passion of our educators, SBEF invested in opportunities that spark curiosity, build confidence, and open doors for every child in the San Bruno Park School District.

From Music & Arts and STEM & Innovation to educator support and community partnerships, your generosity creates opportunities that inspire curiosity, build confidence, and help every child thrive. Just as importantly, it brings our schools and community together in ways that strengthen San Bruno for generations to come.

As you read through this report, I hope you feel as proud as I do of what we have accomplished together in 2025–2026. While we celebrate what we've built, we're even more excited for what's ahead.

Thank you for believing in our schools, our students, and our future. None of this would be possible without you.

Heather Latta

HEATHER LATTA

President

San Bruno Education Foundation



2025-2026

At a Glance

Behind every number on this page are students, educators, and community members inspired, supported, and connected by opportunities across the San Bruno Park School District.

Here's a snapshot of what we accomplished together in 2025–2026.

2,000+

students reached through
SBEF-supported programs
across all 5 schools

41

educators participated in
LETRS professional
learning together

115

students participated in
Lego Robotics

200+

students participated in
band, orchestra, and choir
at Parkside

94

students participated in
drama programs

175+

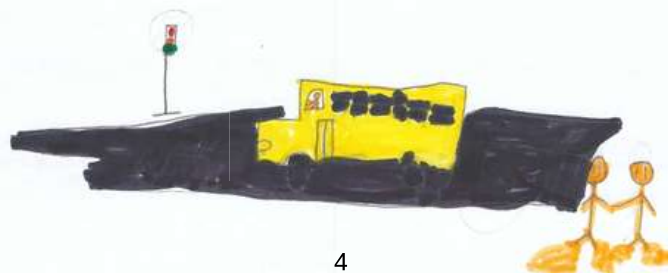
volunteers participated in
school beautification and
volunteer events

350+

volunteer hours
contributed

12+

community events that
brought families together



Impact Across Our Schools

SBEF programs and grants reach every school in the San Bruno Park School District. Together, we create opportunities that support students, empower educators, and strengthen our entire community.



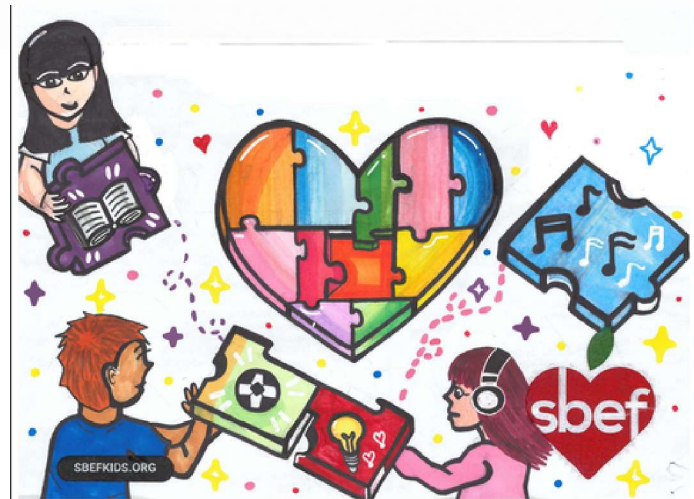
PROGRAMS & SUPPORT	Allen Elementary	Belle Air Elementary	John Muir Elementary	Portola Elementary	Parkside Intermediate
 Backpack Giveaway Essential supplies to help students start the year ready to learn.	✓	✓			✓
 Drama Programs Bringing creativity, confidence, and collaboration to life on stage.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Lego Robotics Hands-on learning that builds problem-solving skills and teamwork.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 STEAM Classes & Materials Resources that inspire curiosity and innovation.	✓			✓	
 STEM Fair Support Encouraging inquiry, creativity, and real-world problem solving.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Gardens & Outdoor Learning Hands-on experiences that connect students to nature and healthy living.	✓	✓		✓	
 Student Murals Celebrating student voice and creativity through public art.		✓			✓
 Teacher Professional Development (LETRS) Investing in effective early literacy for our students.	✓	✓	✓	✓	

 John Muir's garden program is in development and anticipated to launch in the 2026–2027 school year.

 Programs provided in 2025–2026

Music & Arts

Music and arts education help students build creativity, confidence, collaboration, and self-expression. Through partnerships with the San Bruno Park School District and community organizations, SBEF supports opportunities for students to learn, perform, and share their talents throughout the year.



200

Parkside students participated in band, orchestra, and choir



100%

of elementary students received music education



94

students participated in drama programs



Countless

students expressed creativity through art in the classroom and beyond



From classroom music lessons and school performances, to drama productions and student art showcases, the arts inspire joy, build confidence, and bring our school communities together.

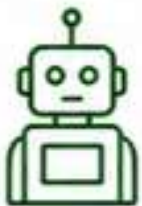


STEM & Innovation

EXPLORING TODAY. INNOVATING TOMORROW.

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) gives students opportunities to explore, experiment, solve problems, and turn ideas into action.

Through robotics, coding, hands-on science, and engineering challenges, SBEF supports experiences that spark curiosity, build critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, and prepare students for the opportunities of tomorrow.



115
STUDENTS
participated in
Lego Robotics



**HANDS-ON
LEARNING**
through robotics, coding,
science, engineering, and
creative problem-solving



FUTURE READY
empowering students with
skills, confidence, and curiosity
to lead and innovate



Empowering Educators

Great schools begin with great educators. SBEF invests in teachers and school staff through professional learning, instructional resources, and innovative tools that strengthen teaching and improve student outcomes.



This year, SBEF invested in professional learning that strengthened literacy instruction through LETRS, expanded instructional coaching to support innovative teaching practices, provided Chromebooks for paraprofessionals, and partnered with school communities to recognize the educators and staff who help students succeed every day.



STAFF APPRECIATION

Throughout the year, SBEF partnered with school communities to recognize educators through districtwide appreciation efforts, including support for the annual Welcome Back Staff Luncheon and other moments of gratitude that celebrate those who make our schools exceptional.



41

educators completed LETRS professional learning for early literacy



250+

Chromebooks provided to paraprofessionals across the district



Instructional Coaching

supporting innovative teaching practices

“

“The LETRS training is far superior to any teacher training course or professional development I have ever attended. The information presented is detailed, relevant, and easy to implement on a daily basis. The students are benefiting from the explicit phonics instruction.”

– LETRS PARTICIPANT

Building Stronger School Communities

Together, we create memories, connections, and pride.

SBEF brings families, schools, businesses, and community organizations together to support students and strengthen our schools. Throughout the year, events including the Back-to-School BBQ, Community Bingo Nights, Panther Pride Day, the Annual Gala, and School Beautification Events brought families together to connect, celebrate public education, and strengthen school communities.



School Beautification Events

School Beautification Events bring together families, educators, students, and community partners to improve school campuses and build pride and lasting connections within each school community.

This year, projects were completed at every school:

	ALLEN ELEMENTARY	Improved the school garden and created student-designed garden art.
	BELLE AIR ELEMENTARY	Painted playground games and assembled a greenhouse, expanding the school's outdoor learning space.
	JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY	Painted the multipurpose room and student restrooms while improving the fourth-grade garden area.
	PARKSIDE INTERMEDIATE	Enhanced campus landscaping with new flowers and trees.
	PORTOLA ELEMENTARY	Created garden signage, organized library carts, and improved physical education storage areas.

These projects demonstrate what is possible when schools and the community work together to create welcoming spaces where students can learn, play, and thrive.

BY THE NUMBERS



175

Community members participated in School Beautification Events.



350

Hours contributed to campus improvement projects.



120+

Guests attended the annual Gala.



12+

Community events brought families together throughout the year.

Outdoor Education

Opening the outdoors to every fifth grader.

Every San Bruno fifth grader deserves the opportunity to experience Outdoor Education, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

In 2025–2026, the San Bruno Community Foundation awarded the San Bruno Education Foundation funding to support the district's Outdoor Education program. SBEF partnered in developing the grant application and serves as the fiscal sponsor, helping steward this investment so every fifth grader can participate in this transformative experience.

This funding reduces the financial burden on families and school PTAs while ensuring Outdoor Education remains accessible for every student across the district.



TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES. LASTING IMPACT.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Students explore nature, build curiosity, and develop a deeper appreciation for the environment.



OVERNIGHT CAMP

A week-long experience at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



TEAM BUILDING

Students strengthen relationships, practice communication, and build lifelong friendships.



CONFIDENCE

Students step outside their comfort zones, grow independence, and build self-esteem.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Hands-on activities inspire students to care for our planet and take action.



“

“Outdoor Education is one of the highlights of the elementary school experience for San Bruno Park School District students, but the increase in program costs over the years has created significant funding challenges for the school district, the PTAs, and fifth grade families. This tremendous investment by the San Bruno Community Foundation enables all fifth graders to participate in Outdoor Ed regardless of their families' ability to pay.”

HEATHER LATTA

President, San Bruno Education Foundation

(Excerpted from the 2026 San Bruno Community Foundation Outdoor Education announcement.)



FISCAL PARTNERSHIP

SBEF is honored to serve as the fiscal sponsor and to fundraise to support this investment in partnership with the San Bruno Park School District.

Narita Sister City Exchange

30+ years of friendship.
A world of opportunities.

For more than 30 years, the Narita Sister City Exchange has connected students from San Bruno and Narita, Japan through meaningful cultural experiences that build lifelong friendships and global understanding.

While the program is funded separately from SBEF's annual student enrichment initiatives, we are honored to serve as its fiscal sponsor and fundraise to support this longstanding community partnership.

Each year, 20 students (10 from San Bruno and 10 from Narita) participate in a weeklong exchange that builds global awareness, language skills, and lifelong connections.

Through homestays, cultural activities, and school visits, students learn from one another and develop a deeper understanding and respect for different cultures.



A CULTURAL EXCHANGE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME



HOMESTAYS

Students stay with host families, experiencing daily life and building meaningful bonds.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Sharing traditions, customs, and perspectives that broaden horizons.



SCHOOL VISITS

Students visit schools and participate in activities that foster global understanding.



LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

Connections made today create friendships that continue long after the exchange.

30+

years of building friendships across borders



The Narita Sister City Exchange is a separate program with its own dedicated funding. SBEF is honored to serve as the fiscal sponsor of this outstanding community partnership.

Invested in Students. Strengthening Our Schools.

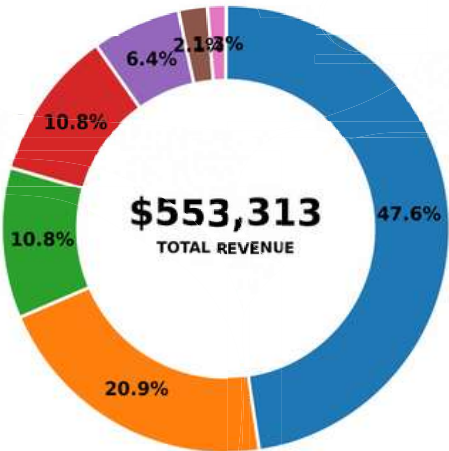


SBEF is committed to responsible stewardship of every dollar entrusted to us. We maximize resources to directly support programs and initiatives that enrich learning and strengthen our schools.

2025 PLATINUM SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY
SBEF earned Candid’s 2025 Platinum Seal of Transparency, recognizing our commitment to openly sharing our goals, impact, financial information, and organizational performance.

WHERE SUPPORT COMES FROM

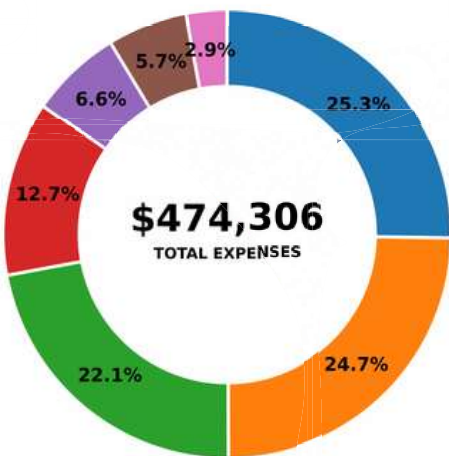
2025-2026 REVENUE: \$553,313



- Grants
- Local Businesses & Civic Clubs
- Outdoor Education Grant
- Individual & Corporate Matching
- Narita Grant & Donation
- Fundraising & Event Revenue
- Miscellaneous Income

HOW FUNDS WERE INVESTED

2025-2026 EXPENSES: \$474,306



- Music & Arts
- STEM
- Staff / Student Support
- Outdoor Education
- Narita Expense
- Community Building
- Admin Costs

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Community grants remained SBEF’s largest source of support.



Dedicated funding expanded opportunities for Outdoor Education and the Narita Sister City Exchange.



Responsible stewardship allowed SBEF to invest in music, arts, STEM, educator support, and community programs across all five schools.

DEDICATED FUNDS: The Narita Sister City Exchange and Outdoor Education are supported through separate dedicated funding. SBEF is honored to serve as the fiscal sponsor and steward these investments on behalf of San Bruno students.

*Thank you for making
these opportunities possible.*

Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

Continuing to Invest in Every Student

Together, we're building on a strong foundation.



Over the past year, our community demonstrated what is possible when schools, families, educators, businesses, and community partners work together to support students.

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, SBEF remains committed to expanding opportunities that inspire curiosity, strengthen schools, and help every student thrive.

Together, we will continue to:



EXPAND STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Continue investing in music, arts, STEM, literacy, and hands-on learning experiences.



INVEST IN OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Provide professional learning, classroom resources, and recognition for the educators who inspire our students every day.



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Grow collaborations with local businesses, nonprofits, civic organizations, and community partners.



ENSURE EVERY STUDENT BELONGS

Ensure students across all five schools have access to programs that spark creativity, confidence, and a sense of belonging.



BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Increase community awareness and philanthropic support so these opportunities continue for generations of students.





Board of Directors

The San Bruno Education Foundation is led by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors committed to supporting students, strengthening schools, and building community throughout the San Bruno Park School District.

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This year, we extend our sincere gratitude to **Kingsley Ma** for his years of dedicated service on the SBEF Board of Directors. His leadership, generosity, and commitment have helped strengthen our schools and create meaningful opportunities for San Bruno students. We thank him for his lasting contributions and wish him all the best.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Scott Curtner



SBEF proudly congratulates Scott Curtner, recipient of the City of San Bruno's 2026 Community Recognition Award honoring his incredible commitment to San Bruno students, schools, and community by serving in various roles on the SBEF board since 2013.



Community Support

Our work is made possible through the generosity of community foundations, businesses, civic organizations, and public partners.

Together, these partners invest in opportunities that help students learn, grow, and thrive across the San Bruno Park School District.

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Thank you to our donors and auction partners.

Your generosity helps our students learn, grow, and thrive.

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR STUDENTS

Join Our Community

Every contribution, whether it's your time, talent, or financial support, helps create opportunities for San Bruno students.



SBEF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Donate

Support music, STEM, literacy, arts, and enrichment opportunities that inspire curiosity and build confidence.



Volunteer

Join school beautification days, events, or serve on a committee. Your time makes a lasting impact for our students.



Become a Community Partner

Partner with SBEF to invest in students while supporting your business and strengthening our community.



Spread the Word

Follow SBEF, attend events, and encourage others to get involved. Together, we can make even more possible.



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