



BSEP Ballot Measure Passed by 88.86%!!!



Thank you to Berkeley voters and the many people who worked on Berkeley's E1 Ballot Measure passing the Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) by almost 90%!! Ty Alper, School Board Vice-President and Cathy Campbell, Berkeley Federations of Teachers President, together co-chaired the campaign along with lots of heavy lifting from BSEP

Director Natasha Beery. Plus, many enthusiastic community volunteers can also take credit for the overwhelming support for funding lower class sizes, school libraries, visual and performing arts and [much more!](#) Way to go Berkeley!

2016-17 Classroom Grants Announced!

Last week, 338 Classroom Grants were awarded to teachers for the 2016-17 school year! The number of applications grows every year, and teachers set another record this year with 391 applications submitted.



It's the Year of the Reader in the District, so we fulfilled more than the usual number of classroom and school library requests, plus, like last year, we received and awarded a growing number of science grants. The new science standards emphasize hands-on learning and the Schools Fund is happy to be a partner in providing the materials for these important projects.

There's tremendous value in reviewing these grants from teachers and we always take away new opportunities for funding ideas beyond a single classroom so more students benefit. We're seeing more ways to meet teacher needs and spread good ideas across the District through partnerships with the UC, and community arts and civic organizations.

[Check out the full list of 2016-17 Classroom Grants here.](#)

Thanks to Our Berkeley Half Team - They're Tough!

Thank You Team Schools Fund!

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FOR SUPPORTING BERKELEY SCHOOLS!

The rain this past Sunday did not deter our 54 Schools Fund Half Marathon Team members! In the cold and the rain they hit the streets and finished the half marathon, 10k and 5k in good spirits.

We had a record number of runners and we're *this* close to reaching our goal of \$30,000. Help our team get to \$30,000, [here](#).

2015-16 Annual Report Available Online

The [2015-2016 Annual Report](#) is now available online! If you haven't received a copy in your mailbox, it's ready to view and share online. We are really proud of this report; we think it does a great job of conveying the excitement of the projects we've supported this past year and the impact we're making on the student experience in our schools.

Thank you to all of our 2015-16 donors!



Thanksgiving Morning: Try a Spin Class for the Schools

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BERKELEY
SCHOOLS**

THURSDAY
Nov 24 @ 7:30am
\$0 PER RIDE

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