



Strategic Impact Grants: \$107,000 for Fall 2016



Before the summer break, the Schools Fund Board approved over \$107,000 in Strategic Impact grants for the first half of the 2016-17 school year. A few highlights from the first round of grants:

Over \$20,000 for Transitional Kindergarten and Preschool

teachers for [Reggio Emilia](#) and [Luna Dance](#) teacher training; over \$7,000 for Middle School Math – to send teachers to a summer conference at Stanford and for Middle School Math Nights at King; \$15,000 for the [Be a Scientist](#) program at the Middle Schools; plus \$20,000 in annual funding for Music in the Schools.

Thank you to our donors for making these wonderful projects possible!

Applications for the next round of Strategic Impact Grants are due during the first week of December. [Learn more here.](#)

Team Schools Fund 2016 at the Berkeley Half Marathon

This is the fourth year of our partnership with the Berkeley Half Marathon and it has become an important part of our annual fundraising. Help us break our previous records! It's good for your health and it's good for our schools – so join us!



Berkeley Half Details

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Races this year include **5k, 10k and Half Marathon**

Just click "Get Started" on the [Fundraising/Team Page](#)

Runners have the choice to join the **Race for Free** program, which gives you free race registration in exchange for a modest fundraising goal for the Schools Fund.

Do you know a high school student taking the ACT or SAT tests soon? Sign up for Team Schools Fund and receive **free access for 6 months to [Magoosh](#)**, the online test prep platform that's like having "a private tutor, anytime, anywhere." It's a \$99 value from a Berkeley start-up and generous supporter of the Schools Fund!

BSEP



BSEP stands for [Berkeley Schools Excellence Program](#) and it's the reason Berkeley schools have small class sizes, school libraries, music education and much more. With the local funding provided by this tax measure, along with other local funding sources like the

Schools Fund, our district comes close to the national average of \$12,000 per pupil spending, still far below the \$15,000 per pupil spent in the top funded states. **Vote for BSEP on November 8!** Find out how to [volunteer for the campaign](#).

2016-2017 Classroom Grant Application Deadline

Teachers: All Classroom Grant applications must be submitted by 5pm on September 30. You can [read more](#) about applications and [apply here](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

Looking to give back to the Berkeley community? [Attend a Volunteer Orientation](#) to learn about the variety of opportunities we have for volunteering in our schools. From assisting with classroom science projects to getting muddy in the school garden to tutoring in after school programs, Berkeley Schools Volunteers can find something for you.



Curious about what it's like to be a volunteer? Visit our [volunteer page](#) and check out a [our videos](#) from volunteers talking about their experiences!

Upcoming Orientations:

Thursday, September 29: 2–3pm

Friday, October 7: 2–3pm

Thursday, October 13: 11am–12 noon

Friday, October 21: 2–3pm

Thursday, October 27: 12 noon–1pm

Friends & Family Grants



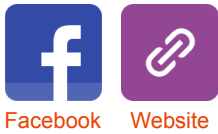
Support Berkeley teachers this back-to-school season by donating to a Friends & Family grant! Many projects are currently looking for funding; here are a few:

[Mock Newbery Book Clubs](#): Kicking off the school year, every 4th and 5th grader in the District is invited to join a Mock Newbery Book Club modeled after the Newbery Committee. The clubs will debate and choose the best book of the year, developing students' identity as thinkers and readers.

[Art Books for All](#): Cassandra Bull, Malcolm X Art Teacher, is looking to expand her book collection with books that focus on diverse contemporary artists that reflect her student population.

The deadlines for all three of these grants are fast approaching! Be sure to donate to these great projects today!

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