

# 2019-2020 IMPACT REPORT

AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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Our 2019-2020 Impact Report is a comprehensive view of the Aurora Public Schools Foundation's impact between July 2019 and June 2020.

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This year has been a year like no other. We started the year with a record breaking gala – it was a lovely September evening at the Stanley Marketplace and as a community we celebrated and supported the students of Aurora Public Schools – raising more funds than any previous year! YOU made that possible!

January was full of hopes and dreams, but by March we all found ourselves digging deep, asking hard questions – and ultimately springing into action to help our neighbors and communities. In Aurora, meals were served, technology devices distributed and students supported. YOU made that possible!

Today I look back in awe at the relentless spirit of Aurora, Aurora Public Schools and the Aurora Public Schools Foundation – this is truly an amazing community that rallies around our students. To every new supporter, to every longstanding advocate – YOU make this possible!

Together, we see a brighter future for Aurora's students. YOU make this possible!

With gratitude,  
Jill Ruiter

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### DIRECTORS

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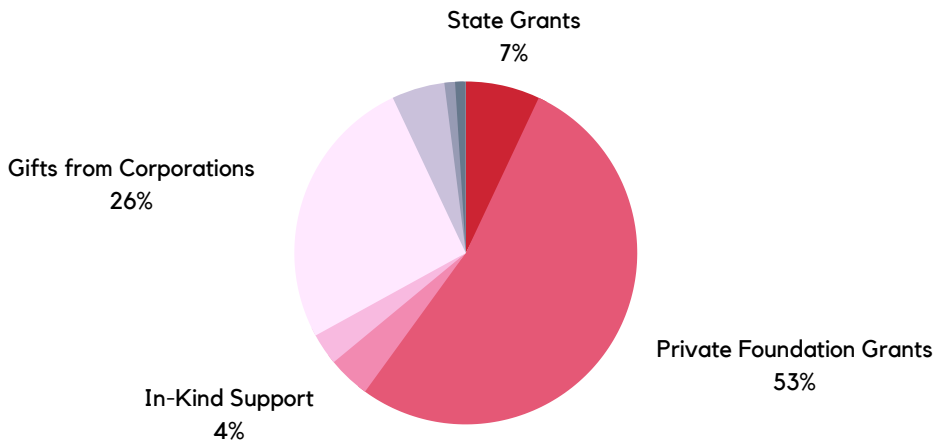
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# FIGURES

## AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

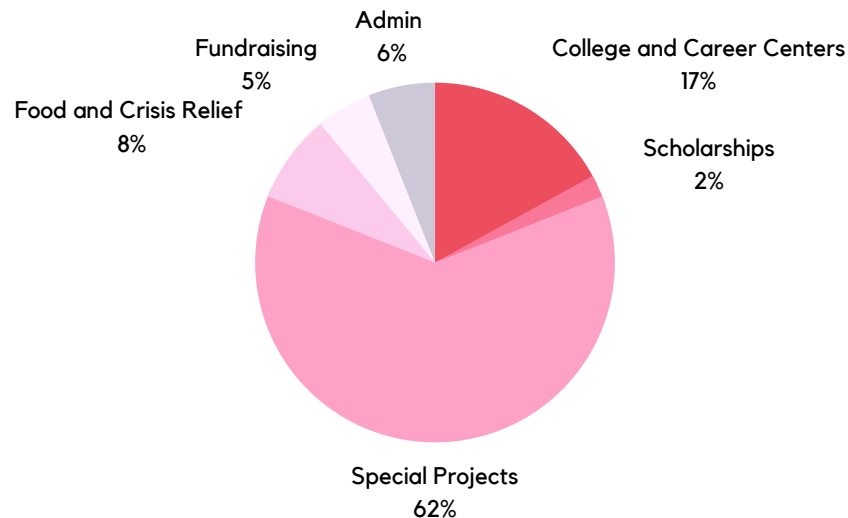
### REVENUE

State Grants	\$173,552
Private Foundation Grants	\$1,314,019
In-Kind Support	\$97,004
Gifts from Individuals	\$68,850
Gifts from Corporations	\$647,147
Special Events Contributions	\$118,793
Investment Return	\$12,756
Fee Income	\$31,392

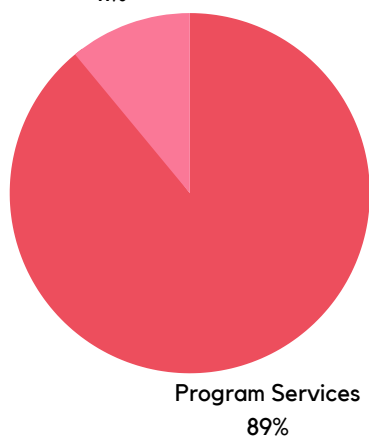


### EXPENSES

College and Career Centers	\$420,190
Scholarships	\$38,368
Special Projects	\$1,506,859
Food and Crisis Relief	\$295,953
Fundraising	\$120,099
Administration	\$147,799



Fundraising and Administration  
11%



### PROGRAMS TO OVERHEAD RATIO

Program Services	\$2,171,370
Fundraising and Administration	\$267,898

89% of our funds were spent on programs for students. This is a 2% increase from 2018. We strive to be the best possible stewards of the generous financial commitments that you, our donors, and partners make in support of Aurora's students.

# IMPACT

## AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

# 15,000

### STUDENTS SERVED

Over 15,000 students have been served by our College and Career Centers in 5 of the 7 Aurora Public Schools High Schools. Currently, 96% of all Aurora Public Schools high school students have access to a local College and Career Center.



# \$16.7 MILLION

### SCHOLARSHIPS SECURED

Over the 2019-2020 school year, over \$16 million in post secondary education scholarships were secured by our students. Since inception, the Aurora Public Schools Foundation has helped students secure almost \$100 million in scholarships.

# \$180

### ONE YEAR

On average, a donation of \$180 can fund a year of visits to a College and Career Center for an Aurora Public Schools student.





# COVID-19 IMPACT

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Beginning March 17, 2020, Aurora Public Schools Nutrition Services and Aurora Public Schools Foundation mobilized together to support our community's needs through the distribution of meals.

**2 MILLION**  
**MEALS SERVED**

Over 2 million meals have been served to our students and community members. While federal dollars cover meals for those under 18, the APS Foundation has been able to raise funds to provide meals for adults in our community. This program will continue through the end of 2020.

**193**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Collectively, the APS Foundation Board of Directors and community members volunteered over 193 hours to distribute technology to students, package student supply kits, review scholarship applications, and donate blood at local hospitals.

**\$800,000**  
**FROM 140 DONORS**

Between March 17 and October 1, 2020, more than \$800,000 was raised from over 140 donors to support adult meals in our community. Additionally, partners provided connectivity for over 130 devices to support virtual learning and over 350 face shields for teachers and school staff.

# AURORA SCIENCE & TECH

## AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Aurora Science and Tech (AST) is a newly launched STEM middle and high school in APS. The first school year included a six grade class in 2019-2020. Each year a new class will be added until the school is at full operating capacity. In school year 2020-2021, the school will have a sixth and seventh grade class. The school is located on the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, adjacent from the Anschutz Medical Campus. The school has developed strong partnerships with the hospitals and school campus.

The 117,000 square foot campus will house a middle school and high school joined by two community commons spaces. The high school will feature a dedicated center for college and career exploration and advising, four STEM labs, and twenty classrooms for the 600 9-12 grade students. The middle school will also feature STEM labs and fifteen classrooms.



## FUNDING

Funding for the Aurora Science and Tech school is truly a collaborative effort that demonstrates the community's commitment and support of the school.

Bond funding was approved by Aurora voters as part of the 2016 bond election to support a new 6-12 school in Northwest Aurora. Bond funding can fund up to 50% of the construction.

Philanthropic contributions are an additional layer of community support for the school. Almost \$5 million has been pledged to support the construction of the school. Jointly, APS and Aurora Sciend and Tech are seeking an additional \$5 million to finalize the funding structure of the school.



# STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

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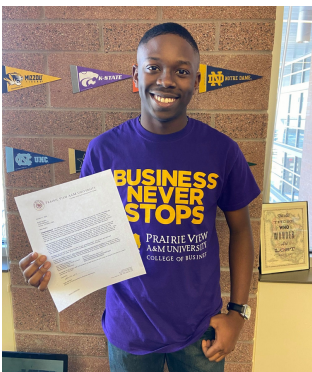
"I am very appreciative for my College and Career Center and counselors who have guided me throughout my senior year. The amount of stress that goes along with deciding a career or college path can be stressful, but my school's College and Career Center Advisor diminished this stress tremendously. I have gotten help with scholarships, applications, and various other things that helped contribute to my future. **I now feel more confident about going to college and I owe it all to my College and Career Center Advisor!**"

- Caleb Blackmon, Arizona State University



"The College and Career Center helped me with applying for scholarships especially when I didn't want to. **They also have shown support when I was denied to a university I truly wanted to go to by helping me appeal!** Forever grateful for the College and Career Center and my Advisor."

- Trinity Taiwo, Metro State University



"I appreciate the College and Career Center for their generosity and assisting me with each requirement that I needed to attend the college I've chosen. **I'm undeniably blessed and thankful for all their help.**"

- Austin Murphy, Prairie View A&M University

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