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AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT

2020/2021



8 MILLION
MEALS SERVED



15,000
STUDENTS SERVED



\$117 MILLION
SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED



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A Note from the Executive Director

In a year that was anything but normal, it may seem odd to celebrate. But that’s exactly what this Impact Report is meant to do ... celebrate our students, celebrate our community and celebrate our collective impact.

In 2020, the Colorado Department of Education released Class of 2020 graduation rates and we are pleased to share that the

Aurora Public Schools’ Class of 2020 graduation rate was 79%, an all-time high for the district! This is up from 45.5% in 2010.

What an amazing success!

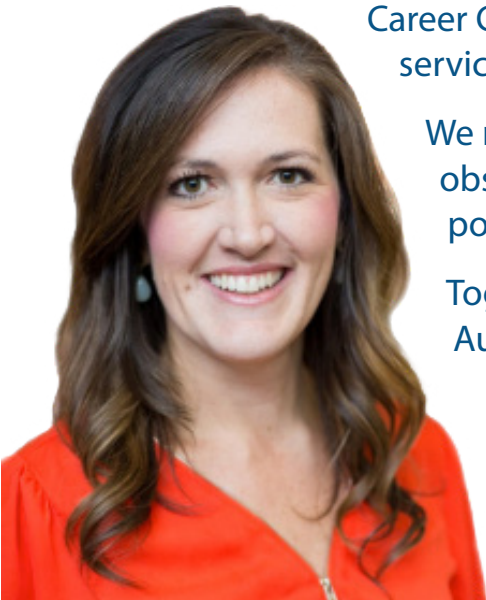
The APS Foundation Board of Directors made a commitment in 2014 to open College and Career Centers in each APS high school. The Centers feature full time staff to help students appropriately navigate their post-high school plans. As we have accessed the data, we have seen noticeable increases in on-time graduation rates that occurred either one year or two years after a College and Career Center was fully established.

With more than 460 student visits each month to a College and Career Center, we are thrilled that our College and Career services are supporting larger systemic goals within APS.

We remain committed to addressing key barriers and obstacles, working to close opportunity gaps and providing postsecondary and workforce readiness for our students.

Together, we see a bright future for Aurora’s students! You make this possible!

With gratitude,
Jill Ruiter



Student Impact



Student attending the APS Back to School Kickoff, where 6,144 students received backpacks filled with school supplies!

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One scholarship reviewer said,

...This is by far one of the most notable scholarship applications I have read in my career. If achievement despite obstacles is the guiding and principle characteristic of this scholarship, I could not think of a more deserving candidate than Ndioba. Using her own authentic and vulnerable voice, Ndioba ... gave a clear glimpse into her past, her progress, dreams, and future goals.

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Ndioba Thiam,
Aurora Central High School
2021 Graduate



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I cannot put into words how grateful I am for your generosity, which has encouraged me to obtain not only my education, but also my opportunities and connections at college.

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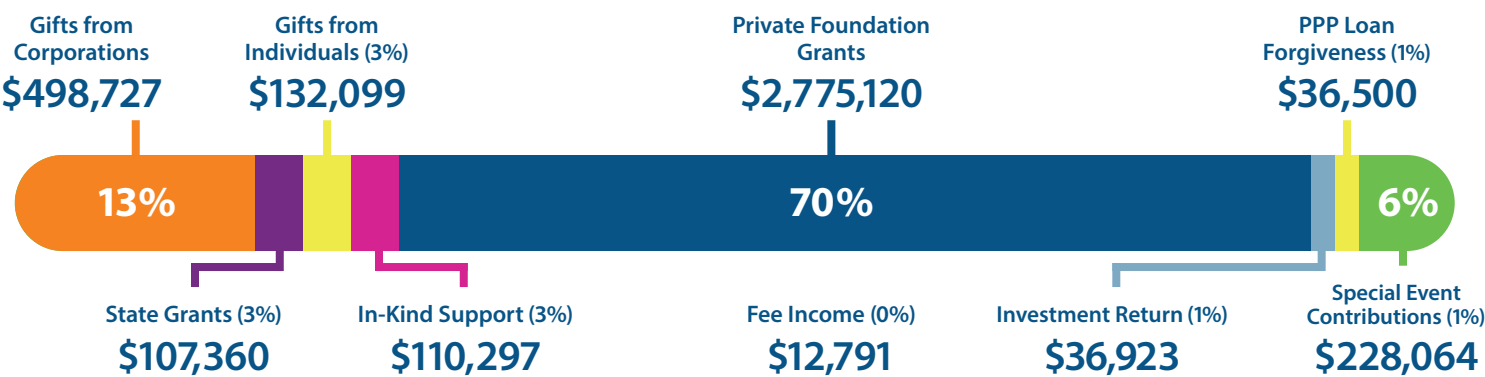
Grace Chang
Rangeview High School
2021 Graduate



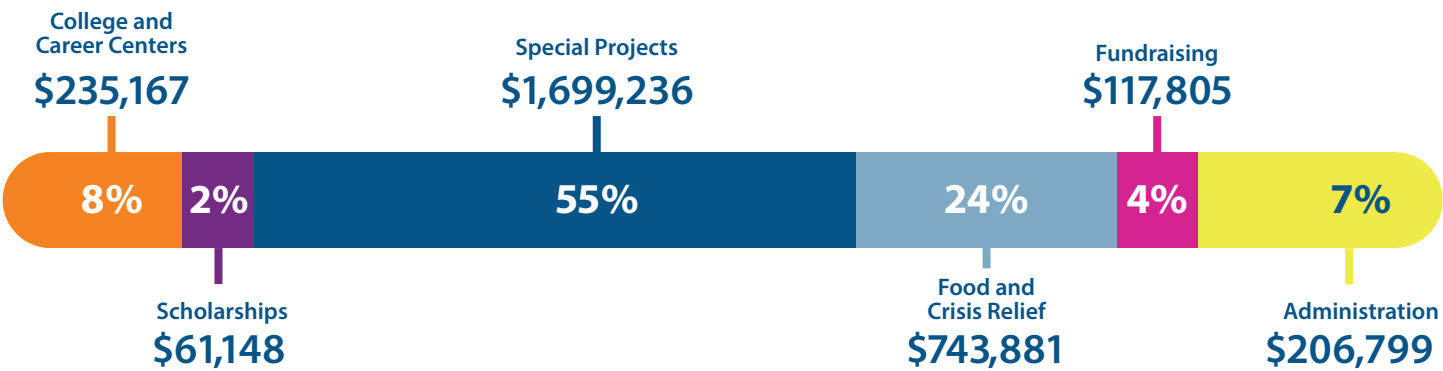
Financial Transparency

We believe that standing together requires trust. And trust can only be developed through integrity and transparency, as demonstrated by the Aurora Public Schools Foundation’s commitment to the highest financial and compliance standards.

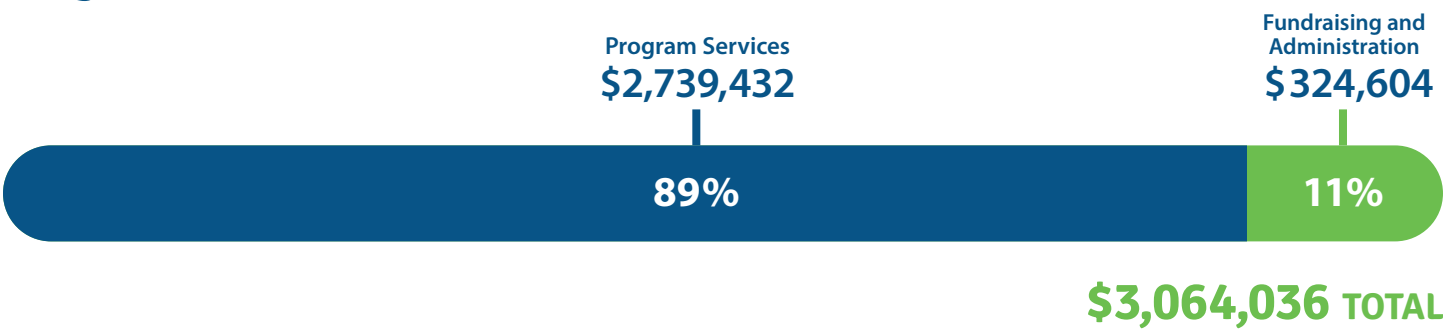
Revenue



Expenses



Programs to Overhead Ratio



During the 2020-2021 school year, 89% of all funds were directly invested in student programs.