

# OUR VISION

OUR CALLING FOR NOW AND YEARS TO COME

We support lasting change in OKCPS that improves the quality of education for every student.



OKLAHOMA CITY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

# OUR MISSION

HOW WE PURSUE OUR CALL

Our mission is to advance excellence, advocate for equity, and build strong community support for Oklahoma City Public Schools.

## OUR CORE VALUES

WHAT WE CARE ABOUT MOST

- Quality education that provides equitable opportunities for all students
- Stewarding strong community partnerships and collaboration
- Transparency/Fiduciary responsibility/Strong governance
- Ensure a committed and engaged board

## STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

- Provide Innovative Teacher/Classroom/School Support
- Support efforts to recruit and retain Urban-ready, top quality teachers and leaders
- Build Advocates for OKCPS
- Grow funding and infrastructure to support long term priorities for the Foundation and OKCPS

**A good strategy isn't just what you will do. It's what you won't do.**

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2023

- Develop and use resources strategically to create lasting and measurable outcomes for OKCPS, as well as sustainability for the Foundation.
- Ensure alignment with OKCPS and robust communication with the community to remain focused on long term impact, while also addressing (with a clearly defined role) evolving short term needs.

### **Provide Innovative Teacher/Classroom/School Support**

- Continue growing partnership with DonorsChoose
- Establish programs to effectively engage schools with community partners
- Lead and support ReadOKC
  - Reading Challenges
  - Reading Buddies
  - Access to Reading Materials

### **Support Efforts to Recruit and Retain Urban-Ready Teachers and Leaders**

- Expand effective programs
  - Teacher Pipeline Programs (Bilingual and Diversity) to grow teacher workforce that mirrors our student population
  - Urban Teacher Preparation Academy that provides mentorship and professional development to new teachers entering OKCPS
  - Bilingual/Diversity Aspiring Administrators Pipeline Program for OKCPS teachers on track to become school administrators to earn their MA in Educational leadership

### **Build Advocates for OKCPS**

- Continue to share OKCPS success stories
- Engage with state and local leaders to promote positions advantageous to OKCPS students and district priorities for funding
- Establish district programs to effectively engage with community partners

**ENGAGE AND CONVENE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS IN OKCPS**

# PROVIDE INNOVATIVE SUPPORT

FOR TEACHERS/CLASSROOMS/SCHOOLS

**DONORS  
CHOOSE**

District-Wide Impact Since Partnership's Inception in 2014

**16,658**

Total OKCPS Projects Funded



**\$10,321,484**

Projects Funded with Help from the Foundation since July 1

**1,179 projects**

**totaling \$625,865**

Supported in the 2022-23 School Year

## DONORSCHOOSE AND TEACHER RETENTION:

Recent studies show that having a project funded through DonorsChoose makes a teacher **22% less likely to leave in a given school year**. This finding supports the statement that providing individualized resources selected by teachers through crowdfunding reduces the likelihood that they will leave the profession.

**PARTNERS  
IN ACTION**

**\$32,432,918** Overall Impact Since 2015

**2022-2023 School Year**

- **\$2,268,114** Total impact
- **127** Projects completed



**849 Community Partners**

# GROW TEACHER AND LEADER

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

## PROGRAM EXPANSION

### Teacher Pipeline Programs



54 Participants



18 Graduates



- **38** Bilingual Teacher Pipeline Program Participants
- **15** Diversity Pipeline Program Participants
  - **1** High School to Teacher Pipeline Participant

### 15 New participants starting classes in Fall 2023!

3 Bilingual Teacher Pipeline Program Participants, 6 Diversity Pipeline Program Participants and 6 High School to Teacher Pipeline Participants.

## 10 BILINGUAL/DIVERSITY ASPIRING ADMINISTRATORS-PIPELINE PROGRAM LAUNCHED FALL 2022



## READING CHALLENGES:

Since 2017, students have logged over 35.1 million minutes and over 54,000 students have met the goal of reading 20 minutes a day or more over school breaks.

## ACCESS:

- ALL Schools Now Have a Little Free Library
- Over 32,000 books distributed through ReadOKC On the Go! since July 2021

## READING BUDDIES:

Recruiting and training efforts for the 2023-24 school year will take place over the summer. The goal is to place at least 200 volunteers into schools to serve as Reading Buddies and Book Club leaders.

# BUILD ADVOCATES

FOR OKCPS

## OKCPS Bond

Actively advocated for and provided financial contribution to assist in passage of the OKCPS Bond in November 2022.



## Volunteer Efforts

Although Reading Buddies have wrapped up for the school year, ReadOKC still needs volunteers to serve over the summer! The ReadOKC On the Go! Book Bus will be visiting all OKCPS Summer School elementary sites and there will be opportunities to volunteer on the book bus. Contact Alison Taylor for more information.



## Upcoming Events:

- **Superintendent's Cup Golf Tournament:** June 16, 2023
- **Wall of Fame:** October 30, 2023



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