



2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

Celebrating a Year of Partnership,
Progress, and Possibility



**Supporting Schools.
Empowering Students.
Building Community.**



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Wiseburn Education Foundation,

As I reflect on the 2025-26 school year, I am filled with immense pride and profound gratitude for what our community has achieved together. Because of your unwavering generosity and belief in the power of education, the Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF) has reached incredible new milestones in supporting students, educators, and innovative programs.

As educational landscapes evolve, the need for community support remains critical. We look forward to building on this momentum, continuing to remove financial barriers to cutting-edge programs, and championing equity across our school district.

Thank you for trusting us with your time, your treasure, and your vision for a brighter future. It truly takes a village to educate a child, and we are deeply grateful that you are an essential part of ours.



With deepest appreciation,

Erin Keller

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President, Board of Directors
Wiseburn Education Foundation

The WEF Team

Leadership

- **Erin Keller**, President
- **Nick McLaughlin**, Vice President and Director of Fundraising
- **Zahra Anderson**, Treasurer
- **Regan Galvan**, Secretary
- **Jessica Cariaga**, Director of Events
- **Zalina Visentin**, Director of Communications
- **Elizabeth Cantore**, Director of Community Relations

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- Karla Albizures
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Celebrating 30 Years!

Founded in 1996 by caring parents and community leaders, WEF has grown in expertise, capacity, and commitment to engage and uplift the Wiseburn schools and communities.

Our Mission

The Wiseburn Education Foundation exists to enhance student education, provide supplemental funding, and unify the schools and community of the Wiseburn Unified School District.



Rock Around the Block, 2016

About WEF



Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that raises funds to support critical arts education, teacher grants, healthy lifestyles, and STEM education in the Wiseburn Unified School District.

We are an all-volunteer organization devoted to enhancing the educational experience in WUSD's top-ranked schools, and depend on our highly engaged community to bring this ambitious vision to life.

WEF BRIDGES THE GAP

between public funding and the resources needed to maintain excellence in our schools. In a modestly-sized district like Wiseburn, this helps the district innovate and weather budgetary changes at the federal, state, and local levels.

Serving Wiseburn Unified School District and Da Vinci Schools



- 1 Preschool
- 3 Elementary Schools
- 1 Middle School
- 5 High School Academies

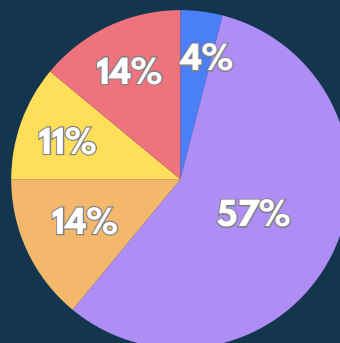
Benefitting 5,000+ Students Annually

Priority Programs

- Music and Arts Education
- STEM Education
- Teacher Innovation Grants
- Healthy Lifestyles and Wellness Programs
- Discretionary District Requests

Impact Donations

Pledged Contributions '25-'26



2025-2026 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income: \$398,225

Events	\$192,317
Philanthropy	\$147,431
Individuals	\$54,866
Misc.	\$3,611

Expenses: \$77,186

Events	\$41,091
Operations	\$22,064
Marketing	\$14,031
Personnel	\$0

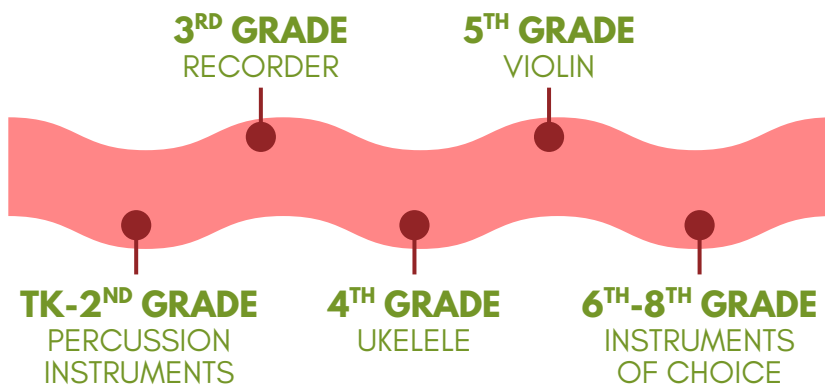
Net Income for Redistribution:

\$321,039

Music & Arts Education

WEF champions:

- * **Consistent, high-quality instruction** – subsidizing credentialed arts staffing and stipends.
- * **Equitable access** – so that arts education never relies on a family's capacity to fund musical instruments and private lessons.
- * **Instruments for all** – ensuring every Wiseburn student, in every grade, has access to an instrument.



475 new instruments and cases purchased in 2025-26

Spring Musical: Matilda Jr.

By supporting production costs and afterschool instructor stipends, WEF helped **grow participation** in Wiseburn Middle School's second annual spring musical from 40 cast and crew last year to **70 this year**.

This included 14 fifth grade students who performed alongside older peers as part of the Elementary "Apprentice Cast", **nearly triple** their involvement from 2024-25.

We celebrate the arts by funding:

- vocal and instrumental music
- visual and applied art
- theatre and dance instruction and other **creative programs** that enrich both student experience and Wiseburn community culture



"My favorite part of the process was getting to build a strong relationship with the whole cast. I also really like learning from others and having the opportunity to build skills."

– Matilda Jr.
Cast Member





Your gifts made it possible for all 245 fourth grade students to attend a Jackie Robinson Tour at Dodger Stadium this school year.

Teacher Innovation Grants

When teachers are empowered, students excel.

WEF honors teacher expertise by investing in their ideas for innovative classroom, grade-level, and school-wide projects. Whether building out inclusive fitness spaces, launching a middle school reading program, or expanding access to gross-motor play equipment for our youngest learners, **Teacher Innovation Grants help reduce red tape so educators can respond directly to student needs** with creativity and care.

2025-26

27 grants awarded

\$27,111 contributed

From Teacher Grant to District-Wide Impact

What started as one teacher's vision for a single 4th grade classroom has, as of 2025-26, grown into a scaled, districtwide program. The Resiliency Project pairs an in-school Black History Month unit focused on Jackie Robinson — studying his bravery, resilience, and barriers broken — with a behind-the-scenes tour of Dodger Stadium. WEF initially sponsored the field trip in 2018 as a teacher innovation grant and the impact was undeniable. **Now, with WEF's support, all Wiseburn 4th graders step inside the stadium where Jackie's legacy lives on.**

For many, it's their very first visit.



“A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.”

Witnessing firsthand [this quote from our classroom book] printed on an enormous Jackie Robinson statue allows students to fully embrace the remarkable impact Jackie made and ultimately, see themselves as changemakers.”

- Ms. Madison Scar,

Teacher and founder of The Resiliency Project, Aviation Elementary School

Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Programs

Staffing and supplies to keep students healthy

Government-provided resources for physical education programs are limited in middle schools, and sparse at the elementary level. WEF helps secure essentials — like sports equipment and healthy-choice vending machines — to improve students' social-emotional and physical wellbeing.

Del Aire Run Club

The Del Aire Morning Run Club supports Del Aire Eagles in building fun and engaging fitness habits at the start of their day. Students utilize the *StrideTrack* digital tracking system — sponsored by WEF for four years and counting — to set personal goals, monitor progress, and celebrate victories while developing a lasting appreciation of physical activity.



\$7,500 contributed to
Wiseburn schools
in 2025-26

1,650+ items purchased
for in-school
physical education

STEM Education

Future-Ready, Hands-On Learning

WEF supports district-wide science, technology, engineering, and math initiatives. By sponsoring instructional tools, staffing, and innovative practices — like coding programs, science kits, STEM camps, and Science Specialists — we help students embrace prosperous futures.

AI Hackathon

In February 2026, Wiseburn Middle School partnered with Da Vinci Schools to conduct a two-day hackathon. 50 students participated with the support of WEF, designing and building AI applications utilizing *Playlab* to strengthen human connection and help solve real-world problems.



50
students
sponsored in
AI Hackathon



From the Community

WEF deeply values relationships built with students, families, teachers, schools, local businesses, and the greater Wiseburn community. This close partnership helps WEF ensure we are serving constituents effectively.

"[My son's experience in the musical was] FANTASTIC! He enjoyed every minute of it. We saw so much growth in his confidence. He made a strong bond with many of his castmates and they are still very close friends. They are already talking about continuing with musical theater when they get to Da Vinci High next year."

- Parent of 8th grade *Matilda* cast member



"I am so grateful to WEF for always supporting our PE programs — not only through numerous equipment purchases for all three elementary schools, but also for making such a positive impact on all of our students and families here in Wiseburn."

- Lauren Shakstad, PE Teacher



Community-Building Events

\$192,317 DOLLARS RAISED
(2025-26)

3,500 COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ENGAGED



Rock Around the Block



Galentine's Bingo Night



Parent's Night Out: Country Clubbin'



Wiseburn Education Foundation

Gratitude & Recognition

WEF is deeply grateful to the dedicated board, partners, and donors whose generosity helps advance our mission.

In 2025-2026,
WEF raised a total of
\$398,225

51%

from direct
donations

48%

from
fundraising
events

Our Sponsors

Corporate, Government, & Foundation Gifts

Catalyst Investors (\$25,000+) • The John H. and Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation • Pipkin Family Foundation

Innovation Investors (\$10,000 - \$24,999) • Chevron • Continental Development Corporation • Desolation Hotel

Leadership Investors (\$5,000 - \$9,999) • Catalina Pacific • City of Los Angeles • Cosm • LA County Department of Arts & Culture • Los Angeles Chargers • Los Angeles World Airports (LAX) • Right At School

Community Investors (up to \$4,999) • 310 Sports Academy • AYSO Hawthorne Region 21 • Cure8 Digital Theatre LLC • Erickson-Hall Construction Co. • Give Lively LLC • Inspirit Jiu Jitsu Academy • Kinecta Federal Credit Union • Kroger • N|A|Z Building Program Advisors • NIHAO Chinese, LLC • NWN Carousel • PBK Architects • Rosecrans Veterinary Clinic • South Bay Ford • TenCate Grass - Valley Precision Grading, Inc. • The Clubhouse Cards & Comics • The Stanley R. Wolfe Foundation • West Basin Water District • Wilson Sporting Goods

Individual Giving

Visionary Circle (\$5,000+) • Barry & Diane Woods

Opportunity Partners (\$1,500 - \$4,999) • Roger & Minerva Banuelos • Angels Diaz Vera • Cueto Fund • Jason Keefer • Dan Kumamoto

Student Success Champions (\$500 - \$1,499) • The Borawski Family • Charles Coffey • Leticia Crise • Neil & Wendy Goldman • Kathy Gore • Emily Irvine • Tom & Terry Johnstone • Michael Keller • Patty and Sonia Maldonado • Nick McLaughlin • Daniel Lee and Caroline Montojo • Gregory Nosal • The Porter Family • Janice Rotella • Dickie and Alyssa Van Breene

Friends of WEF (up to \$499) • Karla Albizures • Katherine Alford • Zahra Anderson • The Angel Arreola Family • Lisa Besagno • Eze Blaine • Stephanie Bordagaray • Nicole Branagh • Shenandoah Brettell • Jessica Cariaga • Alejandra Carrera • Megan Casper • Timothy Chang • Willis Chang • Lizeth Chaves • Rachel Cole • Alexis DAndrea • Felicia Daniel • Lorena Davis • Julio Delacruz • Grace Delgado • Melissa DeMuth • Timothy Devine • Lisa Do • Sally Do • The Doms-Lucchese Family • The Donat Family • Alba Donis Nunez • Yoko Dreckmann • Reza Enchayan • Emily Danielle Farias • Trenise Farris • Debbie and Marc Felt • Camille Fienup • Kim Fishman • Sean Fitzgerald • Adriane Fleming • Courtney Foran • Joy Fritz • Brianne Gilbert • Sydney Gilbert • Alex Gross • The Hawkins Family • Felice Hernandez • The Hizon Family • Meiyi Ho • Franklin Holmes • Laura Hoopingarner • Amy Hori • Erin Hubbard • Bruce & Carrie Hymanson • Elda Iev • Cyrus Jamnejad • Julia Jamnejad • Kimberly Jones • Maggie Kaplan • Ryan Karchner • Erin Keller & Family • Allyson Kohler • Lindsey Kollross • The Lear Family • Eric Liu • Walter Luceno • Maggie Mabery • Jennifer Mascari • Ramona McConville • Stephanie Murphy • Stacey Nada • Lan Nguyen • Leslie Nguyen • Tuan Nguyen • The Noriega Family • Darcy Nourie • Jennifer Nulty • Quentin O'Brien • Amanda Olazabal • Nancy Olea • Marie Oley • Melissa Ozuna • Keila Palacios • Sarah Parker • Stacey Parker • David Pascu • Michael Pasternak • Jessica Porter • Christine Purcell • Erika Ramos • Miguel Ramos • Priscilla Reyes • Heidi Rindels • Maria Rodriguez • Eva Rojas • Ahmanise Sanati Morgan • Katie Seifert • Paul Severns • The Silvas Family • Brooke Sims • Nicole St. Germain • Jill Striff • Nicki Thierry • Rachel Thomasian • Maria Torres • John Umekubo • Teresa Vencill • Zalina Visentin • Kayli Weatherford • Amanda Whidden • Lynn Wiater • Jeremy Wiest • Dennis Wilberg • The Williams Family • Lakai Wilson • Caitlin Winfrey • Tepmora Wise • Frank Wuts • Faye Xu • Christopher Yip • Natalie Zigal

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In-Kind Donations

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Wiseburn Unified School District Staff and Faculty

Hollyglen Elementary School • Hollyglen PTA • Hollyglen Music Program and Aiko Anglim, Music Teacher • Deedee Zirbel, Kindergarten Teacher • Amy Morales, Teacher • Bonnie Olguin, Teacher • Chloe Ford, Teacher • Kari Wilmington, Teacher • Lissette Ochoa, Teacher • Monique Buhr, Teacher • Nelly Santana, Teacher • Nicole Corrinet, Teacher • Kiana Clark, School Principal

Del Aire Elementary School • Del Aire TK and Kindergarten Teachers • Del Aire First Grade Team • Del Aire Third Grade Team • Del Aire Music Department and Larissa Sabo, Music Teacher • Brooke Garcia and Lauren Norman, Teachers • Catherine Koop, Teacher • Henry Falotico, Teacher • Sandy Skora, School Principal

Aviation Elementary School • Aviation 3rd Grade Team • Aviation 4th Grade Teachers • Aviation 5th Grade Teachers • Aviation Music Department and Evelyn Park, Music Teacher • Trisha Maano, Teacher On Special Assignment • Renée Ventura, Counselor • Summer Graves, School Principal

Wiseburn Middle School • Aimee Glotz, Teacher • Ashley Beukema, Teacher • Tricia Hastings-Owens, Teacher • Gabriel Pearlman, Counselor • WMS Admin Team • WMS Office Team

Wiseburn Unified School District • Lauren Shakstad, P.E. Teacher and Coach • Dr. Blake Silvers, Superintendent



Our Partners

Wiseburn Unified School District (WUSD) and **Da Vinci Schools** are instrumental collaborators in WEF's mission.

We jointly sponsor events, connect one another with philanthropic partners, coordinate volunteers, and build out programs — like the AI Hackathon, the Summer In Wiseburn athletic camp, and music and performing arts collaboratives — to uplift the district and unite our educational community.



Looking Ahead

WEF will continue to champion its focus areas — supporting programs that help achieve district goals at every grade level.

Elementary Musical Theater Programming

WEF supports the district's vision to expand musical theatre opportunities beyond grades 5-8, to include younger students in production and performances.

Leveraging Districtwide Partnership

WEF will support increased integration and alignment between Wiseburn and Da Vinci Schools, strengthening programmatic coordination along the TK-12 pipeline.



Your Investment. Their Opportunity.



A donation to WEF funds school- and district-wide programs that improve student outcomes from preschool through high school graduation. With your support, the Wiseburn Education Foundation can ensure every child has the resources and opportunities needed to reach their full potential.

Go Further, Together



High-performing schools attract residents to the Wiseburn community, elevate property values, and feed the workforce and revenue of local businesses.

Your tax-deductible donation makes a big impact. An all-volunteer staff produces low overhead, ensuring every dollar is channeled efficiently toward priority programs.

Investment improves outcomes. Help us fill the programmatic and staffing gaps that public funding doesn't cover, but students deserve.

Ways to Give

Online - Credit Card Employee Match Program

Donate Stock Check Mailed to:

5504 W 135th St Hawthorne, CA 90250



Make a Contribution Today





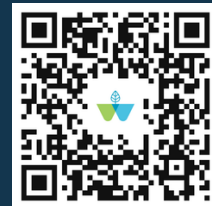
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