

Celebrating Forty Years

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For the past four decades, the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation has focused on its vision of filling Manhattan Beach public schools with the inspiring enrichment opportunities essential to a high-quality education.

It is the people dedicated to bringing the vision to life for our students that are most instrumental — those who invested their time and money to lay the foundation — and those who have continued the tradition for the next forty years. It is this consistent support that has allowed MBEF to make the bold decisions that have built the instrumental programs that directly impact the educational path of every student in our schools.

In the coming pages, you'll learn more about the people who support MBEF's vision and how that support makes a difference in the daily lives of our students in the classroom and beyond. Since 1983, MBEF's grants to fund programs and educator roles have evolved with best practices in education and the needs of our students. One attribute remains the same — at the heart of every grant is more opportunity for our students.

We are deeply grateful to you and the entire community of supporters for continuing to invest in MBEF's vision. Here's to another forty years of enriching our classrooms and empowering our students!

With great appreciation,



Dr. Alice Kuo
President, MBEF



Roger Spencer
President, MBEF Endowment



Hilary Mahan
Executive Director, MBEF



The Vision

The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation is a community driven fundraising organization, which supplements state funding for programs that inspire learning, enrich teaching, and promote innovation and academic excellence in the public schools of Manhattan Beach.

GREAT SCHOOLS START WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION

MBEF was founded in 1983 by a small group of parents committed to strengthening Manhattan Beach public schools. At that time, school funding was at an all-time low and private donations were critical to providing a quality education. MBEF became the mechanism for families to direct funding to programs in the local public school system that were threatened by the changes in the state budget for education.

Since then, MBEF has continued to provide a means for the Manhattan Beach community to invest in superior public education for all students. The 40 years of support from MBEF equates to over \$100 million in directed funding to build a foundation of excellence in Manhattan Beach schools for all students. The support has evolved over the years into best-in-practice programs in visual and performing arts, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), literacy and writing, and so much more. Our high-quality schools in Manhattan Beach are the direct result.



40
YEARS

MBEF HAS FUNDED
MBUSD SCHOOLS

Today, our strong public schools are an integral part of our vibrant and dynamic community, but the need for local support to supplement state funding is just as critical as ever. Despite an increase in the budget for education over the years, our public schools still do not receive the level of funding required to provide an exceptional, well-rounded education to meet the needs of our students. Donations to MBEF continue to be a significant part of supporting — in small or large part — nearly every academic pursuit and enrichment opportunity across all campuses.

CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The celebration of MBEF's anniversary took place on Saturday, May 6th among hundreds of donors, past and present MBEF Presidents and Board Members, City Councilmembers, MBUSD Trustees, administrators and educators, parents, students, donors and residents. MBEF was recognized as the pinnacle of organized support for a public school system by Senator Ben Allen and celebrated by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and Supervisor Holly Mitchell for its dedication to public education.



As part of the special anniversary year, MBEF unveiled the Seeds of Knowledge Community Recognition Project — an art installation in Metlox Plaza that captures the importance of our public schools and celebrates the community that supports them — yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The art installation, commissioned by artist Betsy Schulz, not only recognizes the decades of support through MBEF and the Endowment, but also invites viewers to explore the significance of education in our lives through a child discovering the world.



Building a Foundation of Excellence

1980's

THE BEGINNING

The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation (MBEF) is established with \$20,000 in 1983 by parents determined to strengthen school funding after the passage of Proposition 13.

The Endowment Fund is initiated in 1986, spearheaded by forward-thinking families with just \$10,000.

MBEF commits to fund programs that were previously funded by the state, namely music, computer lab, music and library.

1990's

STEADY GROWTH

The local K-8 school district is unified in 1993, creating the K-12 Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD).

The first-ever Manhattan Wine Auction is introduced as a fundraiser in 1994.

MBEF is one of the first organizations to support Class Size Reduction in a school district with a grant of \$64,000.

2000's

PARADIGM SHIFT

Clear distinctions between MBEF and the school site PTA's are established — MBEF is the only organization to fund educator positions.

The formal concept of the Annual Appeal is introduced with an initial ASK of \$150 per student.

State funding cuts prompt significant layoffs and MBEF initiates a second Appeal, nearly doubling fundraising revenue in 2009.

2010's

STABILITY

Endowment hits \$10 Million and provides the first disbursement of \$116K to supplement the annual grants to MBUSD.

Manhattan Beach voters approve Measure MB, the first parcel tax to support community schools with a source of sustainable funding.

Later that same decade, the Endowment hits \$20 Million and disburses nearly \$1 Million to support MBEF grants.

2020's

MOVING FORWARD

The global pandemic impacts in-person learning across the country and shifts a portion of MBEF funding to support on-line learning.

MBEF celebrates 40 years and \$100 Million in directed funding to MBUSD.

The Seeds of Knowledge Community Recognition Project is unveiled, acknowledging the vast community support of Manhattan Beach public schools.

The Need

Our Manhattan Beach schools are among the best in the state and country. But despite high property taxes, our per pupil funding for education is different from most other high performing districts. Donations to MBEF each year are critical to providing the enriched educational experiences that our families have come to expect from our schools.

The majority of the robust learning programs and specialized educator positions that shape our district's exceptional education are possible because of donations to MBEF. These are the unique programs that support 21st century teaching and learning and challenge our students to think critically and creatively.

DECADES OF INADEQUATE STATE FUNDING

Funding for California public schools has been insufficient for decades — to this day it barely funds the basics, not the enriched

educational opportunities that we expect. At one time California was ranked 5th in the nation in per pupil funding, but the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978 dramatically shifted how the state funds education, ultimately moving California to 48th in the nation at its all-time low. California has slowly been building its budget for education over the past 10 years but has only recently surpassed the national average. Depending on the report, California's per-pupil funding falls anywhere between 19th to 35th if adjusted for the high cost of living. Because of its

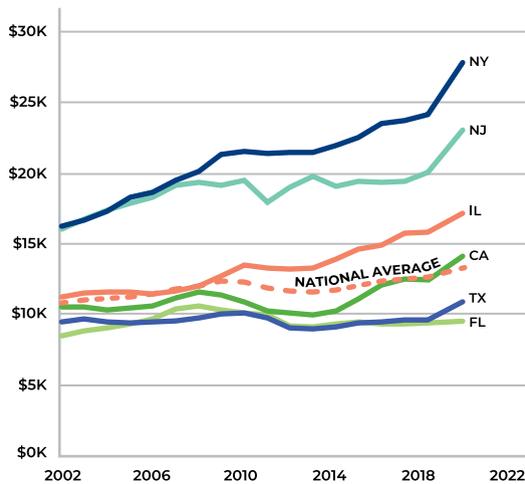


50,000+

STUDENTS IMPACTED BY
MBEF IN ITS LIFETIME

heavy reliance on state tax revenue, California's education funding is more volatile than other states — it falls fast during recessions and rises more quickly during economic recoveries. Local funding sources such as parcel taxes and education foundations have been critical to ensuring consistency in maintaining high-quality public schools throughout the state.

HISTORY OF STATE EDUCATION PER-PUPIL FUNDING



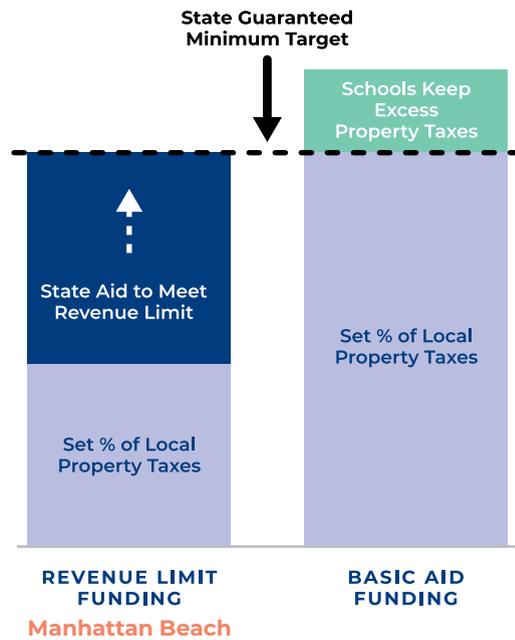
Data from 2002 to 2018 Public Elementary - Secondary Education Finance Data by U.S. Census Bureau

OUR FUNDING LIMITATIONS IN MANHATTAN BEACH

The assumption that our property tax dollars adequately fund public education is simply not true. Despite advancements in California's education funding levels, Manhattan Beach continues to struggle, receiving roughly \$2,000 below the statewide average before local support. Less than 20% of property taxes raised in Manhattan Beach are allocated to fund

our local schools — making MBUSD a Revenue Limit district and dependent on state funding to reach the minimum target set by the state for per pupil funding. Basic Aid districts, such as Palo Alto and Laguna Beach, funded education at a higher level when Prop 13 was enacted, and therefore receive a larger portion of local tax dollars. These Basic Aid districts retain the excess property tax dollars above the state target, resulting in significantly higher per pupil funding. Converting to a Basic Aid district is a possibility, but it only occurs when the percentage of property tax dollars allocated to education in a district exceeds the per-pupil target from the state. In the case of Manhattan Beach, this will likely occur in the next 10-14 years, when local property tax revenues increase to a point

REVENUE LIMIT VS. BASIC AID FUNDING



where 20% is well above the state distribution. Local education leaders have advocated for changing the funding structure with the State Legislature over the years, but protecting the benefits of Proposition 13 has been a significant priority for the state.

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA SUPPORTS EQUITY, NOT ADEQUACY

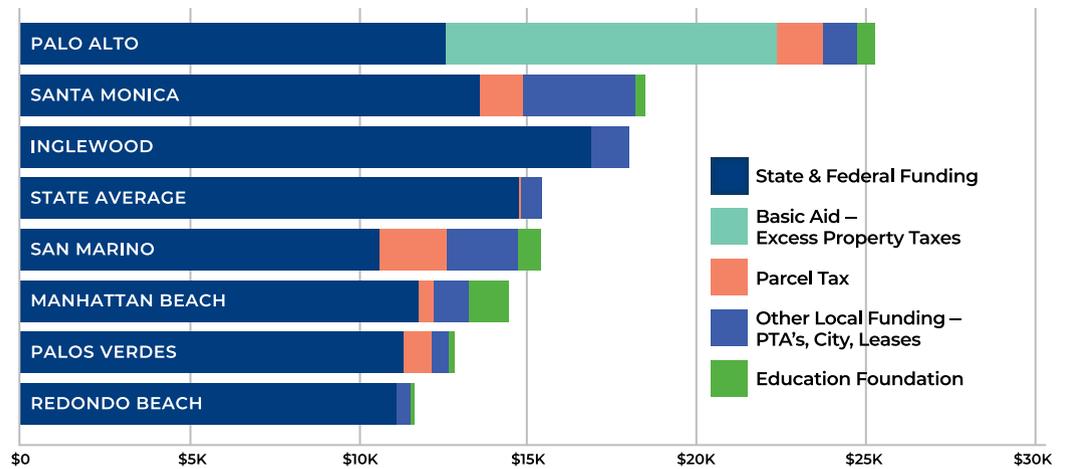
The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was adopted in 2013 to provide supplemental support of public-school districts with greater numbers of high-need students. These districts require additional funding to support costs associated with programs like Free and Reduced Lunch and English Language Learners. Very few students qualify for these programs in MBUSD or other neighboring school districts, and therefore they do not receive significant supplemental funding. Creating equity among California students is essential, but the base level of education funding

has remained inadequate for all students. The chart below depicts the stark variation in funding among districts and demonstrates how impactful local support can be on per-pupil funding.

BUDGET CHALLENGES REMAIN

Our community has supplemented state funding for years and despite the recent increase in the state budget, the need for local support remains constant. Much of the increase in funding is either one-time to combat challenges brought on by the pandemic or directed to particular spending categories, limiting control to meet local needs. In addition, California's already declining K-12 student enrollment due to falling birth rates and net migration has been further impacted by COVID-19. Plus, the local burden to cover the growing costs of pensions, healthcare, and other mandated services is outpacing school funding from the state. Ultimately, local support remains critical to meet the needs of our Manhattan Beach students.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT PER-PUPIL FUNDING SOURCE COMPARISON



Data from Ed-Data 20-21 School District Financial Reports

The Impact

Each year, the results of MBEF's fundraising success help to maintain reasonable class sizes, rigorous academics, and a breadth of educational experiences to inspire a love of learning from transitional kindergarten through high school.

There are a number of ways MBEF raises funding to support its mission of providing more educational opportunities:

- Annual Appeal Campaign
- Endowment Fund
- Community Partner Program
- Manhattan Wine Auction
- Community Events

The combination of this support has grown into a multi-million-dollar commitment that has an impressive impact on student learning. MBEF's Grants Committee includes Board Members representing all school sites

who work with district and school leadership, educators, parents and students to identify priorities that are most aligned with MBEF's mission. While the vast majority of MBEF funding is committed to continuing successful long-term grants and teaching positions, MBEF considers the possibility of expanding or adding new programs if funding allows.

The pages to follow include information on the grants to be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year.



100%

OF STUDENTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM MBEF

MBEF Grants

\$6,140,000

27%

CLASS SIZE REDUCTION

- General Class Size Reduction
- Elementary Class Size Reduction
- English/Humanities & Math Class Size Reduction
- English & Math Class Size Reduction
- Zero Period

27%

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

- School Counselors
- College & Career Center Counselors
- MBMS Assistant Principal
- Student Success COSA
- Student Success Program Support
- Educator Grants
- Teacher of the Year Awards

9%

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Elementary Physical Education Teachers

10%

READING, WRITING & LIBRARIES

- Elementary Teaching & Learning TOSA
- Literacy & Writing TOSA
- Library Resource Specialists

19%

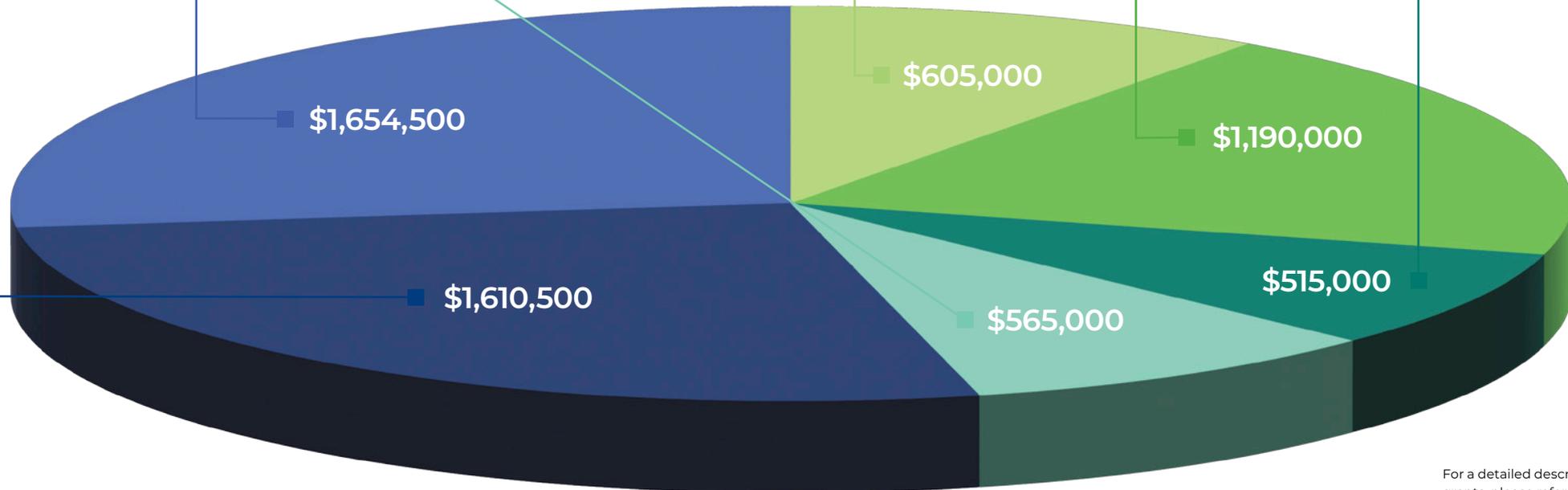
STEAM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART & MATH

- Secondary Math TOSAS
- STEAM TOSA
- STEAM Specialized Program Support
- MakerSpace Specialists
- Science Lab Teachers
- MBMS STEAM Pathways Program Support
- Science Lab Assistant

8%

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Music Program
- Art Elective Enhancement



For a detailed description of the grants, please refer to pages 14-23.

2023-24 Grants

MBEF's commitment ensures our students have access to a strong, well-rounded academic program and an array of enrichment opportunities as reflected in the 2023-2024 grant programs.



Class Size Reduction

\$1,610,500 27% OF OVERALL FUNDING

MBEF supports lower class sizes in general, and also allocates significant funding to ensure that the number of students is lower in specific core classes in critical grade levels. Few educational practices have the potential for greater impact than learning in a classroom with fewer students. Both parents and teachers consistently prioritize the importance of Class Size Reduction (CSR) as instrumental in a student's educational experience.

GENERAL CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (4TH-12TH): \$510,500

While state guidelines provide for a maximum of 24 students per class in grades TK-3, there are no maximums in grades 4-12. Without support from MBEF class sizes in all subjects for grades 4-12 would be significantly higher.

ELEMENTARY CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (4TH-5TH): \$250,000

In addition to the General CSR, MBEF provides funding that ensures a maximum average of 30 students per class in grades 4-5. Students at this age are beginning to define their strengths, as well as their challenge areas. Keeping class sizes smaller allows teachers to personalize their support of each student to ensure their growth and achievement.

ENGLISH/HUMANITIES AND MATH CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (6TH-8TH): \$250,000

MBEF directs CSR funding specifically to English/Humanities and Math classes in grades 6-8 to ensure that the average class size is 30 students or below. The

transition to middle school can be challenging, and providing more space for differentiated learning in core subjects ensures our students have the support that they need.

ENGLISH AND MATH CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (9TH): \$250,000

MBEF also directs CSR funding towards reducing class size specifically in English and Math in 9th grade to ensure the average number of students is 30 or below. This provides more individual attention in these critical core subjects to better equip the students with a solid foundation as they progress through high school.

ZERO PERIOD (9TH-12TH): \$350,000

This grant provides all Mira Costa students with the option to add an extra period to their schedule to fulfill course requirements and benefit from the array of additional elective course options. More than 30% of MCHS students take advantage of the additional period each day.

Counseling & Support

\$1,654,500 27% OF OVERALL FUNDING

Elevated levels of stress, anxiety and depression in students throughout the country are at an unprecedented rate. In the 2021 California Healthy Kids Survey, a confidential survey of school climate and safety, student wellness, and youth resiliency, 29% of MBUSD students in grades 7, 9 and 11 had experienced chronic sadness in the past twelve months. It is more important than ever to provide our students with both the advocates and tools to help recognize and cope with their emotional wellness and academic success.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS (6TH-12TH): \$955,000

Counselors foster a sense of connection on campus and play an essential role in guiding students in their planning. The average student-to-counselor ratio in California schools is exceptionally high at 680:1, well above the American School Counselor Association's recommendation of 250:1. MBEF's growing investment in counseling has played a critical role in adequately supporting the needs of students. This year MBEF will continue to fund two additional counselors for both the middle and high school to decrease the student-to-counselor ratio to 300:1. Our counselors will have more time to mentor students on time management and organization, connect on individual needs, and monitor academic progress.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER COUNSELORS (9TH-12TH): \$325,000

MBEF funds the experts in the MCHS College and Career Center (CCC) who are devoted to helping our high school

students navigate the college application process and define post-graduation pathways. From individual meetings and application assessment, to hosting college admission visits and other events on campus, to an abundance of resources and materials on hand at the CCC, this program is an essential part of helping students make the right personal choice for their next step upon graduation. Parents are welcome to take advantage of the extensive CCC services as well, with both day and evening appointments available.

MBMS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (6TH-8TH): \$150,000

Having an additional administrator at Manhattan Beach Middle School helps support the vast needs of a large, thriving middle school. From helping to manage the overall operations, to overseeing teachers and curriculum, to ensuring the safety of the students, the administration is an essential part of MBMS' success.



The additional support from MBEF ensures that there are more minds and hands at work to create a positive and healthy school environment.

STUDENT SUCCESS COUNSELOR ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (COSA) (6TH-8TH): \$125,000

Middle school is a challenging time that requires significant mentoring and support as students explore their interests and focus on development. This COSA works on building academic success and a climate of care to better meet the diverse needs of our students at a critical transition in their lives. The Student Success COSA leads programs such as the nationally recognized mentoring program, Where Everybody Belongs (WEB), coordinates professional development for staff, develops learning experiences for all students, and strengthens parent partnerships.

STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM SUPPORT (6TH-8TH): \$25,000

Program funding for curriculum, materials, guest speakers, and other essential tools related to the implementation of the Student Success Program at Manhattan Beach Middle School.

EDUCATOR GRANTS (TK-12TH): \$70,000

The MBEF Educator Grant Program was created to support excellence in our schools by empowering MBUSD educators with funding to implement projects that will enhance teaching and learning throughout the district. The program provides educators with the opportunity to re-define best practices, explore innovative and inclusive approaches to instruction, collaborate and partner with colleagues, and connect the wealth of knowledge, expertise and talent within the MBUSD community. All MBUSD teachers, counselors and administrators are encouraged to apply for these small grants at the start of the school year, to be implemented immediately upon approval.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS (TK-12TH): \$4,500

Each year, MBUSD recognizes one teacher from each school as the Teacher of the Year, and one of those teachers is selected as the Districtwide Teacher of the Year. With this grant, made possible by an endowment fund sponsored by the Nickell Family, all of MBUSD's Teachers of the Year receive a small monetary reward.

Physical Education

\$565,000 9% OF OVERALL FUNDING

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS (1ST-5TH): \$565,000

MBEF is proud to support credentialed physical education teachers at our elementary schools to provide high-quality physical education and sportsmanship instruction each week. In addition to the physical health benefits, research shows that physical activity can help children improve their concentration, memory,

and classroom behavior. Without certificated PE Specialists, MBUSD classroom teachers would need to incorporate the state-required 100 minutes into their weekly instruction. These specialized PE teachers also serve as mentors on the fields and playgrounds during recess and lunch, coordinating structured outlets for students to engage in organized activities and games.



Reading, Writing & Libraries

\$605,000 10% OF OVERALL FUNDING

Literacy is a critical part of learning for all students and lays the foundation for future success. Our educators have prioritized personalized literacy support at every level. In addition to the curriculum in the classroom, our students have access to a dedicated campus library with additional resources to focus on developing this key tenet of learning.

ELEMENTARY TEACHING AND LEARNING TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA) (TK-5TH): \$125,000

Every student learns at their own pace, especially those starting out on their educational journey. Helping teachers meet the various needs of these students is critical. The Teaching and Learning TOSA at the elementary level will continue to strengthen instruction in literacy and math by modeling teaching techniques and best practices, curating curriculum and resources, while also coordinating common student assessments to address student learning needs.

LITERACY AND WRITING TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA) (TK-12TH): \$125,000

MBEF helps ensure that MBUSD curriculum keeps pace with the changing world by funding a TOSA to lead continuous improvement efforts throughout the district in this important area of growth. Under the direction

of the TOSA, student achievement is evident in participation in advanced courses and electives, including Creative Writing, Journalism and AP English, as well as exceptional scores on standardized tests districtwide.

LIBRARY RESOURCE SPECIALISTS (TK-8TH): \$355,000

Having access to a school library and knowing how to access credible sources using technology provides endless discoveries for students. MBEF supports Library Resource Specialists at the elementary and middle school grade levels to help develop research and media literacy skills and foster a passion for reading, learning and research that will serve them throughout their lives. The libraries have become a hub of information on each campus, providing students with a quiet place to read during recess and lunch, and a vibrant center for research and learning.

STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math

\$1,190,000 19% OF OVERALL FUNDING

Project-based learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) for students at the elementary, middle and high school levels has been a significant priority for our community. The important foundational concepts learned in STEAM-based classrooms and programs promote strategic critical thinking and creative problem-solving to ensure our students can navigate and engage in a 21st century global society.

SECONDARY MATH TEACHERS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA) (6TH-12TH): \$80,000

With the recent adoption of the new California Mathematics Framework, our educators are tasked with the continued challenge of prioritizing student-centered learning, experiential learning and conceptual understanding over the traditional algorithmic set of principles. MBEF funds two classroom educators to serve as part-time Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs) to collaborate on best practices in instruction with teachers across the mathematics departments at the middle and high school. This attention on instruction during a transition phase within the discipline will help foster student success in math.

STEAM TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA) (TK-12TH): \$125,000

The Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) leads the districtwide efforts in STEAM, builds in elements of art and design, collaborates with all STEAM educators to create synergy between

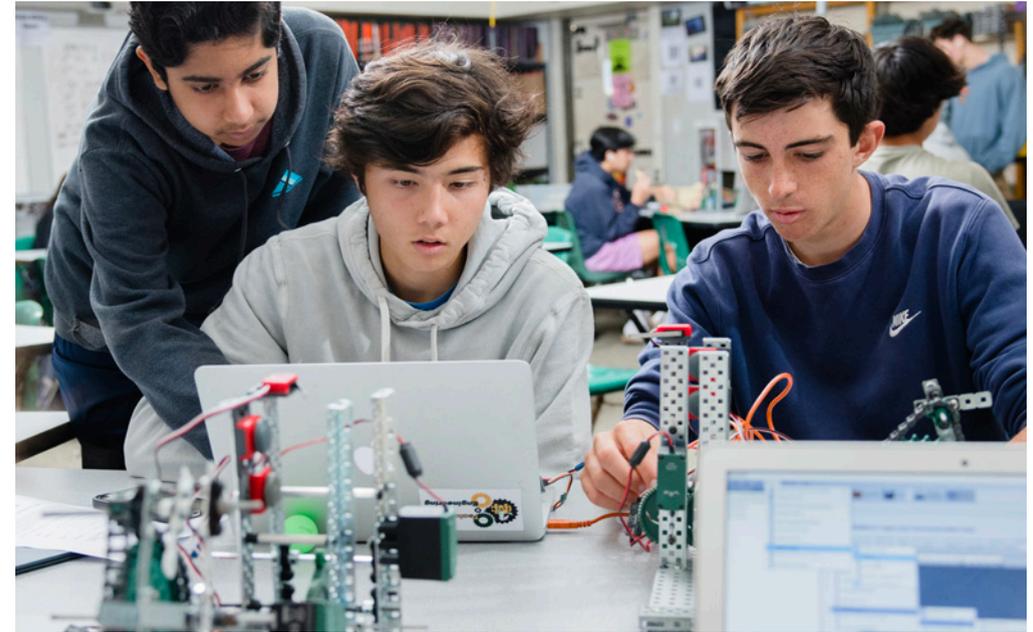
the school sites, and ensures the natural progression from elementary to high school with articulated pathways.

STEAM SPECIALIZED PROGRAM SUPPORT (TK-12TH): \$125,000

Program funding for curriculum, materials and collaboration related to the implementation of districtwide STEAM programs.

MAKERSPACE SPECIALISTS (TK-5TH): \$180,000

The unique MakerSpace environments throughout our elementary schools provide innovative lab experiences for our students in grades TK-5. Empowering students to learn problem-solving skills through trial and error helps develop a student's ability to think creatively and visualize solutions. MBEF funds MakerSpace Specialists who support program implementation by preparing materials, facilitating lessons, and organizing the Maker Labs.



SCIENCE LAB TEACHERS (TK-5TH): \$455,000

This grant supports credentialed science teachers to provide all elementary students with hands-on lab experiences and project-based-learning opportunities that strengthen the passion for science. Trained in nationally recognized Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the specialists engage students in real-world learning that connects the classroom science curriculum with engaging, hands-on activities, projects and problems.

MBMS STEAM PATHWAYS PROGRAM SUPPORT (6TH-8TH): \$150,000

MBEF has been at the forefront of pioneering programs that challenge even our youngest students with hands-on learning in MakerSpace and Science Lab.

As students progress to middle school, their passion for STEAM can continue to flourish with new and exciting pathways that will bridge into advanced high school programs. MBEF supports a year-long STEAM elective for students in grades 7-8 funded by Northrop Grumman, as well as a STEAM wheel option with a focus on FabLab, Marine Biology and STEAM specific unit.

SCIENCE LAB ASSISTANT (9TH-12TH): \$75,000

The Science Lab Assistant at MCHS provides critical support for our advanced lab science teachers by preparing materials and resources to make lab instruction organized, efficient and innovative.

Visual & Performing Arts

\$515,000 8% OF OVERALL FUNDING

A quality visual and performing arts education is an essential part of a comprehensive academic program for all students. Art education fosters lifelong learning skills — creativity, collaboration, communication, critical-thinking, and problem-solving — and improves the psychological and creative aptitudes of all students. Our students have the option to participate in sequential and comprehensive arts education programs that encourage active learning and a deeper appreciation of the arts.

MUSIC PROGRAM (1ST-12TH): \$415,000

MBEF supports music instruction in grades 1-12, and as a result, the music program at MBUSD has flourished. Students in grades 1-5 are introduced to a comprehensive music program with instruction in vocal, wind and string instruments. Taught by certificated music instructors, the program fosters a love of music and serves as the foundation for our award-winning middle and high school programs. At the secondary level, students can specialize in the instrument of their choice and participate in a variety of award-winning programs.

ARTS ELECTIVE ENHANCEMENT: (6TH-12TH) \$100,000

The enhanced elective program in middle and high school offers students a wide range of course options. Specialized courses in visual and performing arts, such as Advanced Film, Ceramics, Cinematic Arts, Drama, Graphic Design, Printmaking, Technical Theater, and Yearbook, are offered to encourage interest in either exploring or becoming proficient in an art.



The Endowment

The MBEF Endowment provides MBEF with a continuing and sustainable funding source that will expand and enhance the quality of public education in Manhattan Beach, now and for generations to come.

SUSTAINABLE SOURCE

The MBEF Endowment helps serve our public schools with a sustainable source of funding by providing an annual disbursement in accordance with the Endowment Disbursement Policy, which follows the prudent standards outlined in the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 ("UPMIFA"). While the disbursement supports immediate program needs, the Endowment's annual return on investment continues to grow as the principle grows, helping

to make up for the instability of public-school funding at the state level in the future as well.

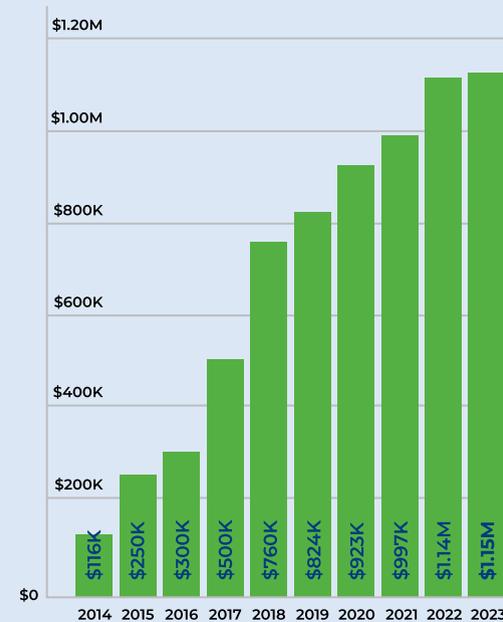
With the Endowment Fund well above \$20 Million, the annual contribution to MBEF's programs each year exceeds \$1 Million, accounting for 19% of MBEF's overall grant to the district. As a myriad of challenges continue to face public education in our state, the MBEF Endowment will continue to strengthen our schools for years to come.



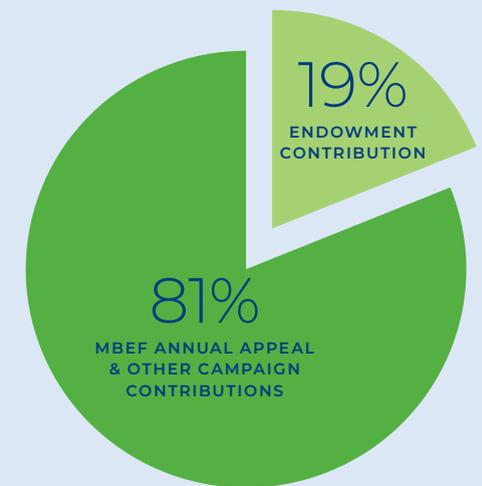
ENDOWMENT GROWTH



ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT GROWTH



IMPACT ON ANNUAL GRANT TO MBUSD



The Successes

Despite limited funding from the state, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) is among the top TK-12 school districts statewide. Our students benefit from a rich and diverse curriculum, full of opportunities to explore and thrive.



Each school community strives to maximize the unique potential of each student and cultivate the skills essential for lifelong learning. In any given year, our schools are nationally recognized for their successes in academic, programmatic or extracurricular initiatives.

MBUSD hosts LA County and California Teachers of the Year, award-winning Model UN, Music, Robotics and Theater programs, California Distinguished, Gold,

Blue, and Green Ribbon schools, highly competitive academic and athletic programs...the list goes on.

MBUSD also takes pride in their commitment to creating safe and welcoming campuses that are responsive to the social and emotional needs of our children. Our students excel because we have an engaged community that is willing to invest in our children's education and future.



The Honor Roll

Thank you to the 2022-2023 MBEF donors who contributed to the Annual Appeal, the Manhattan Wine Auction Paddle Raise, and the Endowment to fund the MBEF grants in our schools.

KEY

Black: Annual Appeal*

Green: Annual Appeal + Endowment*

Blue: Endowment

Bold: 5+ Consecutive Years of Giving

**Paddle Raise Support Included*

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\$100,000+

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MBEF participated in the 50th Anniversary of the **Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair** on October 1-2, 2022 to share information on the MBEF mission and our impact on teaching and learning through our grants to Manhattan Beach schools. Passersby were also invited to meet the educators who help strengthen the educational journey for students — Library Resource Specialists read books aloud and MakerSpace Specialists built a cardboard model of the Manhattan Beach Pier with visitors.



The **14th Annual SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk** presented by Kinecta Federal Credit Union took place on October 30, 2022, bringing together families and friends from the community to walk from pier to pier in support of our local schools and children with special needs. The event raised a record \$3 Million, including over \$235,000 for MBEF. We are so grateful to our friends at SKECHERS and the Friendship Foundation for coming together to support these important causes.



TEDx Manhattan Beach

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The **12th Annual TEDxManhattanBeach** held on November 5, 2022 captured the attention of over 1,000 curious and impassioned members of the South Bay and beyond who came together to JUMPSTART their Curiosity, Imagination, and Creativity. MBEF's MakerSpace Specialists were on-hand in the EXPO where attendees explored a hands-on circuit project among other cutting-edge technologies and concepts.



MBEF's annual **Support Our Schools Week** took place March 20-24, 2023 with over 60 local businesses throughout Manhattan Beach and the South Bay giving back a portion of their sales to support our schools through MBEF. Community members dined, shopped and visited their favorite stores while also supporting MBEF and our schools. We extend a special thank you to the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association for bringing the love for MBEF. Together, we raised nearly \$20,000!



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Our community came together on May 6, 2023 to celebrate an important milestone in our organization’s history — 40 years and \$100 Million dollars of directed support for Manhattan Beach schools. Past and present MBEF Presidents and Board Members, City Councilmembers, MBUSD Trustees, administrators and educators, parents, donors and residents joined in the celebration. As part of the special year, MBEF also unveiled the **Seeds of Knowledge Community Recognition Project**, an art installation in Metlox Plaza that captures the importance of our public schools and celebrates the community that supports them.



The **26th Annual Exer Urgent Care Grand View Gator Run** and Spring Fair benefitting MBEF took to the streets of Manhattan Beach on June 4, 2023 with over 500 participants districtwide. The annual event has evolved into a wonderful community tradition that has unified serious runners, joyful joggers, laid-back walkers, and kids of all ages for over two decades. Thank you to the Grand View Elementary PTA for their generosity in donating the sponsorship proceeds of over \$25,000 to support all of the Manhattan Beach public schools.



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THE 29TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN WINE AUCTION — ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, NETTING **OVER \$1.3 MILLION.**

A sold-out crowd of 2,250 guests sampled provisions from over 50 South Bay restaurants and sipped wines, spirits and beer from over 80 wineries, distilleries and breweries from throughout the state. We are incredibly grateful for the community's continued investment in education and dedication to the success of this iconic event.



2023 LEGACY AWARD

The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Legacy Award celebrates individuals who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to leadership, philanthropy, and the MBEF mission. First introduced in 2020, the Legacy Award honors those who have had an immeasurable impact on our public schools and our community.

This year, the MBEF Board of Directors was pleased to honor G. Bradford Jones and Joan Hood Jones as the recipients of the 2023 MBEF Legacy Award. For over 30 years, Brad and Joan, both collectively and independently, have supported MBEF in nearly every way possible. From initiating the Endowment to leading the efforts on the MBEF Board, MBEF would not be where we are today without their immense commitment and dedication.

Thank you to the 29th Annual Manhattan Wine Auction sponsors and supporters. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity!



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As a foundation committed to innovation, MBEF has directed significant funding towards project-based learning in our schools focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for decades. The integration of creativity and design into STEM to create STEAM is at the forefront of education today and encompasses a more holistic approach to learning. Our community raised over \$300,000 to support STEAM in our schools.

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The Results

The MBEF Board of Directors and staff ensure the principled stewardship of donor funds to maximize the grants to MBUSD schools for the benefit of all students.

MBEF undergoes a full audit each year and maintains an Audit Committee comprised of MBEF Board Members and independent finance professionals. MBEF's strong financial health, accountability and transparency has earned the highest honors from both Charity Navigator and Candid, formerly GuideStar, who evaluate non-profits to ensure the suitable governance and integrity of the organization.

To ensure effective planning, the results of fundraising efforts in one year fund the grants of the following year — meaning that the funding raised from the 2022-23 Annual Appeal will fund the programs in the upcoming 2023-24 school year. MBEF will grant over \$6.1 Million to our schools this year because of our community's generosity in 2022-2023.

Below is a detailed account of the 2022-2023 unaudited financials. All audited financial statements from previous years are available on the MBEF website at www.mbef.org.

FUNDING SOURCES RAISED 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR*

Individual Contributions	\$ 4,034,000
Corporate Matching Gifts	\$ 449,000
Community Partners & Sponsorships	\$ 387,000
Corporate Grants	\$ 749,000
MBEF Endowment Annual Disbursement	\$ 1,158,000
Manhattan Wine Auction & Events**	\$ 405,000
Interest, Investment Gains & Other	\$ 333,000

Total Funding **\$ 7,515,000**

2022-23 EXPENSES*

Fundraising	\$ 513,000
Management & General	\$ 216,000

Total Expenses **\$ 729,000**

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR*

Funds raised in 2021-22 Annual Appeal

Grants & Program Services	\$ 6,233,112
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Total Grants **\$ 6,233,112**

*Unaudited Results **Majority of MWA Proceeds Benefit the MBEF Endowment

2023-24 Leadership

The MBEF and Endowment Boards of Directors consist of community leaders, PTA Presidents, local entrepreneurs, educational leaders and parents who are dedicated to the MBEF mission. Each of the more than thirty directors actively participate as volunteer ambassadors for MBEF and support the foundation's fundraising, stewardship and grant management efforts. Site and Student Ambassadors build important awareness and support of MBEF's Annual Appeal campaign at each school site.

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We would like to thank the following MBEF and Endowment Board Members who have reached the end of their term for their service and dedication to the MBEF vision of excellence in our schools.

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Partner For information on partnering with MBEF as a Community Partner, contact Director of Development and Partnerships David Brennan at david@mbef.org.

Volunteer For information on volunteering for MBEF, contact Development Coordinator Bea Zimbalist at communications@mbef.org.

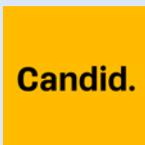
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