

Impact of the Foundation on DCSD Schools

Presentation: DCSD School Board Retreat

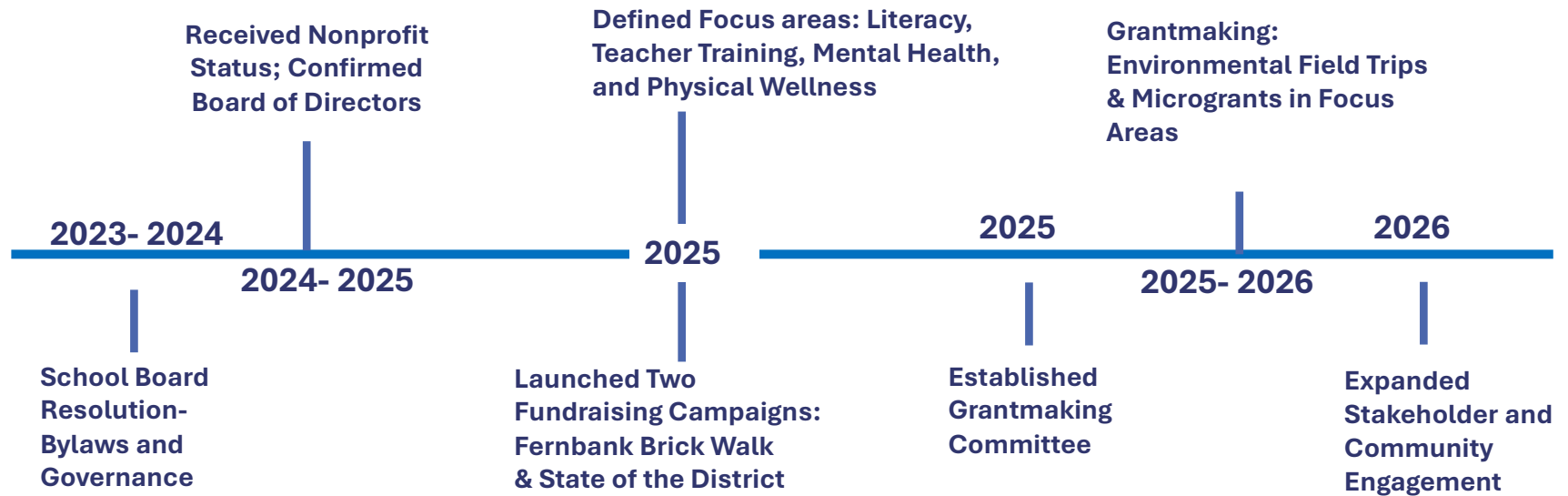
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Foundation Milestones



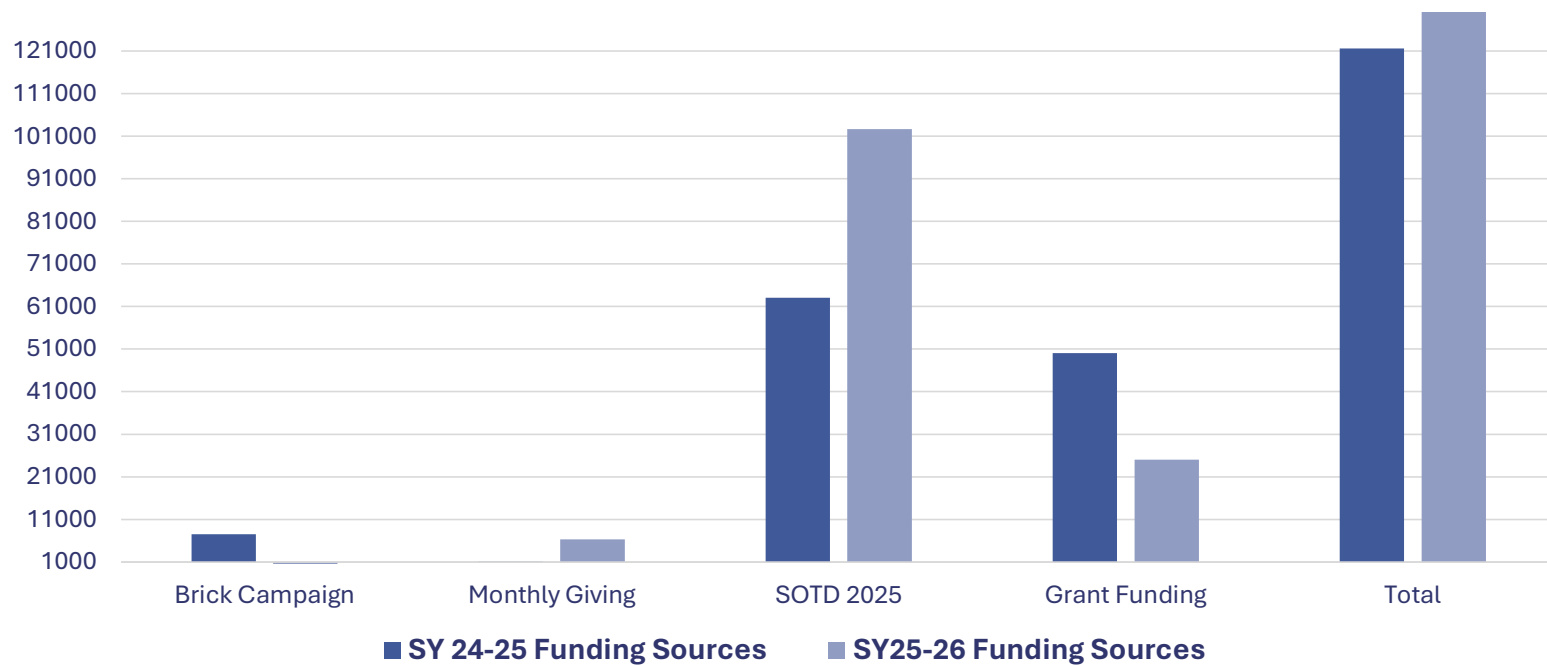
Foundation Accomplishments

- ❖ 7 microgrant projects and 5 environmental grants funded in 2025-26, supporting 200+ educators and over 5200 students
- ❖ Committed over \$55,000 to innovative and inclusive funding for schools in 2025-26, with more grantmaking in the pipeline
- ❖ Participated in over 50 community engagement events and meetings across the District, expanding our partnerships and engaging the philanthropic community
- ❖ Hosted approximately 100 members of community organizations in a “Community Reception” at State of the District, offering tickets to nonprofit partners



Fundraising – by Year & Source

Funds Raised, SY24-25 & SY25-26



Microgrants Program

- ❖ 7 microgrant projects funded, to encourage classroom innovation across focus areas: improving literacy, providing teacher training, and supporting mental health and physical well-being.
- ❖ \$10,500 in microgrants awarded in Fall 2026; Additional projects to be awarded in Spring/Summer 2026 for Fall.
- ❖ Schoolwide impact grants expected to benefit 4000+ students.

Funded schools include:

- Redan Elementary School
- Princeton Elementary School
- Evansdale Elementary School
- Tucker Middle School
- Redan Middle School
- McNair High School



Opportunities

- ❖ Inform schools about grant funding and sharing lessons learned from funded grants.
- ❖ Create a resource library based on Year 1 grants, to expand impact of Foundation grantmaking.
- ❖ Convene grantees for information and data exchange about literacy, teacher training, and wellness.
- ❖ Align grantees with initiatives across the District.
- ❖ Encourage schools within a cluster to collaborate on grants – from application to findings.



How can you help?

- ❖ Share the work of the Foundation to address funding gaps- and showcase collaborations across CEIP
- ❖ Share Foundation grant opportunities with schools in each School Board district
- ❖ Identify stakeholders and potential partners for CEIP overall, including the Foundation
- ❖ Include Foundation in conversations about economic development and workforce transition programs for DCSD students, graduates, and families



DSEF – What's Next



Finalizing the Foundation's Strategic Plan



Expanding the Foundation's Network with Stakeholders – including other nonprofits



Showcasing success stories across the District



Reaching more schools with grantmaking



Aligning Board Members with Georgia Industries



Building Alliances in philanthropic community



Thank you



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