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Dear BCSD families & community members,

The Foundation for Bedford Central Schools provides access to new programs and equipment that foster curiosity, confidence and critical thinking in our students. Since its inception six years ago, the Foundation has funded leading-edge academic initiatives across all seven schools in our district.

We are thrilled to have an exciting lineup of initiatives for 2018/19 and we need your support to make them happen! Strained school budgets make our work even more important.

Read on to see how your donation can make a difference!



7th graders visit Albany as part of the Capstone Project



Students in Mrs. Venditto's "Build Your Own Computer" class at WPES

Your support of the Foundation has made the following initiatives possible:

- **100+ internships, job shadows and mentoring sessions** for FLHS students
- **10,000 books** donated to classrooms district-wide from our first community book drive
- **Environmental sciences and social studies enrichment** for all students at BHES, BVES, MKES, PRES and WPES
- **Vex kits and 3-D printers** for FLMS students
- **2018 Albany visit for all FLMS 7th graders** (co-funded as part of the "Capstone Project")
- Professional development for FLMS 6th grade science teachers to **increase student literacy skills**
- **FLHS independent science research classroom** upgrade, **AP computer science** program expansion and **guidance counselors'** participation in important network-building conference
- Powerful and popular **innovative student choice model** at WPES (including build your own computer, build a wind turbine, computer coding and many others)
- **Equipment and supplies for special-needs students to start their own businesses** as part of the FLHS OPT program
- **BHES playwriting residency**, focused on storytelling and creative writing

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With your continued support, these exciting 2018/19 initiatives can happen!

- **100+ additional internships, job shadowing and mentoring experiences** for FLHS students
- **Capstone projects at FLMS** that focus on multidisciplinary research resulting in an in-depth understanding of a specific topic and culminating in a hands-on experience that brings learning to life
- **50 virtual reality headsets** donated to FLHS to support their wellness initiative and help students engage in technology-assisted, mindfulness-based stress reduction
- **Collaborative wellness program** at FLHS that incorporates cooking into the chemistry curriculum
- Professional development for FLMS 6th grade English teachers with a literacy expert to **incorporate research skills into the curriculum**
- Increased access to **college tours, resume writing, interview skills and college exam prep** for FLHS students
- **New elementary enrichment programs** including a book club at MKES and a program for PRES third graders that links an immersive out-of-school experience to core curriculum instruction
- Upgrade all **elementary classroom libraries** to support newly implemented Teachers College reading and writing curriculum
- **Environmental sciences and social studies enrichment** for all students at BHES, BVES, MKES, PRES and WPES to assist in exploring the natural world around them and how we affect it

SPOTLIGHT ON: Independent Science Research Classroom Upgrade

At FLHS, Stephanie Peborde, the Independent Science Research teacher, was on a mission to bring her classroom into the 21st century by creating an innovative learning space that fosters collaboration, problem-based learning, inquiry and creative thinking. The outdated, and even broken, furniture in the science research classroom simply was not working for her students. Now, furnished with **wheeled tables, flipping tabletops, nesting capability, and a multi-media table**, the room facilitates collaborative opportunities for students to share their work, practice presentations and have video meetings with mentors.

"To facilitate the education of our 21st century learners, we needed the space to match the skills students require. We are thankful to the Foundation for Bedford Central Schools for helping this longtime vision be realized."

— STEPHANIE PEBORDE



FLHS Independent Science Research Classroom Upgrade

Invest in our kids!

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