

# You Can Help...

## SUPPORT CUTTING EDGE MATH AND ENGINEERING CURRICULUM

The Edina Ed Fund is dedicated to funding the 5 year Project Lead the Way curriculum for Grades 8-12. As part of the district's STEM initiative, these courses enable students to discover, explore and solve real-life problems by integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## DEVELOP WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Writing Center has been a great addition to Edina High School. Edina's Writing Center was established in the spring of 2010 to improve the quality of writing and writing instruction across all disciplines. An initiative funded solely by generous donors to the Edina Education Fund, the Writing Center offers one-to-one writing consultations for student writing projects ranging from class assignments and college essays to poetry and short stories. Most importantly, the Writing Center offers the personalized, collaborative support necessary to focus on the writing process – an environment that traditional classroom settings cannot often provide. Last school year, 16 students served as writing coaches and 32 students have applied for the upcoming 2011-12 school year.



*“The Edina Education Fund’s financial support plays a key role in advancing our District’s vision. The funds allow us to implement new initiatives during these financially-challenging times for public funding. The partnership support helps to create a culture of innovation and possibilities for our staff and students.”*

– Ric Dressen  
Superintendent of Edina Public Schools

## SUPPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education classrooms have been supported with iPad technology and relevant applications. New handicapped accessible playground equipment at one elementary school has been purchased allowing inclusive play for all students. Supportive tools for calming students including classroom curriculum enhancements such as MeMoves have been provided for pre-K through 12th grades.

## ENHANCE SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Ed Fund Innovation Grants support science curriculum throughout the district. Recently, a Natural Outdoor Classroom was created for elementary students; iPads were supplied for 6th grade science; Human Anatomy class at the high school came to life with Maniken™ models; and the Early Childhood department received funding for new science curriculum and equipment.



elementary schools received funding to choose the technology solution that was best suited to fit its students’ needs – laptops, document cameras, personal digital devices and interactive white boards were selected.

## OFFER INNOVATIVE TEACHER TRAINING

The Edina Education Fund has invested in staff development opportunities with the University of Minnesota and a local college, allowing teachers to get training, enhance their skills and receive college credits. A Writing Cohort for 20 Edina teachers was a first time partnership with the Ed Fund, University of MN, Minnesota Writing Project and Edina Public Schools. The Teaching & Technology Cohort allowed 29 teachers to take graduate level courses and receive certificates from Hamline University.



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# Help Us Reach Our Goal

**EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

*The work of the Edina Education Fund is accomplished through private donations. We count on our community to help us support Edina Public Schools, and we thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.*

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# Edina Education Fund At a Glance

**8300** Number of students in the Edina Public Schools who all benefit from the work of the Edina Education Fund.

**\$504,385** Dollars generously donated to the Edina Education Fund for the school year ending 6/30/11.

**955** Total number of donors to the Edina Education Fund in the 2010-11 school year, including 268 new donors.

**\$59,000** Funds directed to 22 Innovation Grants to support teaching and learning in new ways.

**251** Total number of Innovation Grants awarded to teachers and staff since the Education Fund's inception. These grants have been awarded to staff at all Edina Public Schools and have reached thousands of students.

**29** Number of Edina teachers who took graduate level courses and received certificates from Hamline University as part of a new Teaching & Technology Cohort grant.

**1995** The year a group of parents formed to advocate for computers in Edina elementary classrooms. This led to the establishment of the Fund for Innovation Technology, now known as the **Edina Education Fund**.

## Our Mission Statement

*The Edina Education Fund supports valuable education experiences and innovative projects in the Edina Public Schools by directing, focusing, and implementing fundraising programs.*

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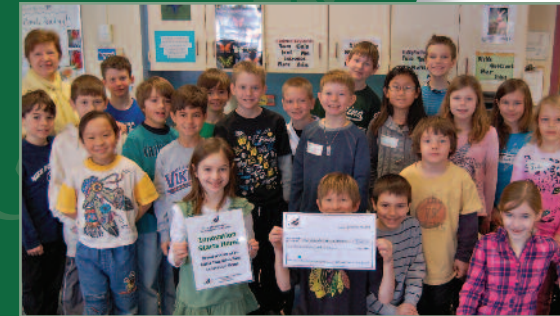


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