

Helping Others Grow



Letter from the President

DEAR NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS,



Thank you to the North Penn community and local businesses and organizations for your continued support throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Through your contributions to the Foundation, students across the North Penn School District gained access to cutting-edge technology and programs, and teachers implemented innovative projects that they designed. In all, the Foundation funded 72 grants totaling over \$155,387.57 during the year.

With a goal of igniting student success, each grant was proposed by North Penn teachers and staff. A sample of innovative projects follows, and more are highlighted throughout this report. Be sure to visit www.npennedfoundation.org for a more comprehensive list.

The NPSD Educational Foundation, led by President Marion Hoffman Fraley (right), attends local events to tell the story of the Foundation and provide awareness as to how community members can help provide students and staff with innovative experiences.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ACCESSED:

- **“Brain Bins”** at General Nash to begin their day with creative thinking, interactive play, problem solving, and collaboration with peers.
- A school-wide visit at York Avenue with **author** and **illustrator Lee Harper**.
- A trip to **Milky Way Farm**, a historic dairy farm in Chester Springs, for English Language Learners at Hatfield.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS UTILIZED:

- A **new video camera** for student-led recording and editing, to help highlight music and theater for Pennbrook Television (PBTV).
- Tools to create a realistic experience designing and competing with **stock cars**. Students researched Coefficient of Friction, Aerodynamics, Newton’s Laws of Motion, and incorporated their research to design, fabricate, test, and evaluate the stock cars.
- Materials for a Penndale **Gardening Club** project to research, plan, implement, and maintain a serene outdoor space for students, staff and visitors.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPERIENCED:

- Science at Northbridge, through an integrated and immersive approach and visit to **Adventure Aquarium**.
- **Electron orbital model sets** for use in NPHS chemistry classes.
- **Court extensions** for the Unified Bocce team, composed of students with and without disabilities, to turn three courts into five.

Whether you donated through U-Knight to Inspire, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program, golf outing, online auction, staff tribute campaigns, Annual Giving Campaign, or volunteered as a Trustee or worked as a staff member, YOU made big dreams possible. Your support made these and many more innovative ideas possible. YOU empowered NPSD staff to continue #IgnitingStudentSuccess. And your support of the Build A Bag backpack and supplies drive helped students in need start the school year strong.

With gratitude and excitement, the Foundation looks forward to #IgnitingStudentSuccess in 2023-2024.

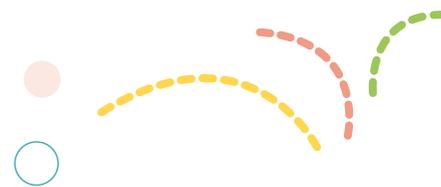
Sincerely,



MARION HOFFMAN FRALEY

NPSD Educational Foundation President & parent of alum

► **P.S.** The Foundation would not be possible without our Executive Director, **Christine Liberaski**, and her team. Congratulations to the Office of School and Community Engagement for shining a light on the Foundation and achieving national and state recognition for the 2021-22 NPEF annual report from the National School Public Relations Association (NPSRA) and Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA).



Leading the Way

The Foundation's board consists of Trustees from a broad segment of the community who volunteer their time and expertise to raise the funds and awareness needed to support the Foundation's mission.

NPSD Educational Foundation

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Foundation Trustees, including former NPSD teacher Heide Pickens, welcome new teachers and provide them with a window into how the Foundation can help them offer unique and innovative experiences to their students.



Setting the *Foundation* for **Explorat**

The NPSD Educational Foundation raises essential funds through special events and donations to support the premier education already provided by the North Penn School District. A 501(c)(3) corporation, the Foundation is a collaborative effort among individuals committed to providing financial support for NPSD schools. The Foundation and NPSD are separate entities but work as partners in support of the children being educated in the district's 18 schools.



Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Literacy Program > See page 8

Q Why Support **The Foundation**

NPSD students have a hunger for cutting-edge, creative innovation that is matched by the staff's desire to provide it to them.

Thank you donors! You provide the funds awarded as grants by the NPSD Educational Foundation. You help bring innovation to life through classroom equipment, field trips, project materials, program software, guest speakers and so much more. This extension of our curriculum wouldn't otherwise exist. The projects' variety ignites teachers' enthusiasm and creativity for enriching students' lives.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to motivate and inspire students and staff in the NPSD through innovative projects and opportunities that enhance educational experiences and resources. We believe:

- ▶ Classroom innovation sparks creativity and academic excellence
- ▶ Character building and experiential learning are vital to student development and academic achievement; and that
- ▶ Inspired and motivated students are an important part of strong and healthy families and communities.

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Floating Classroom

SCIENCE

Environmental Science class students gained real-world experience by testing water quality and learning about aquatic ecology, a natural environment. This unique hands-on learning experience through the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy helped deepen students' understanding of course content taught in school.



\$633.10
TOTAL AWARDED

Who Benefits?

North Penn High School

By conducting field work in nature, students grew their appreciation of the natural world and gained a better understanding of the scientific concepts.

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The tax credit increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. The NPSD Educational Foundation has multiple programs approved to receive EITC Funding, including *Design and Modeling for Ergonomics* (see page 7).

TOTAL EITC FUNDS

Awarded: **\$45,148.98**

TOTAL EITC FUNDS

Received: **\$73,500.00**

TOTAL NUMBER OF EITC GRANTS PROVIDED to the Foundation:



Thank You to Our EITC Sponsors

- C&N Bank
- Hatboro Federal Savings
- Meridian Bank
- Mid Penn Bank
- People's Security
- QNB
- Univest
- Waste Management
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Donations made through the EITC program by (top-bottom) Univest, QNB, Mid Penn Bank, Hatboro Federal Savings, Meridian Bank and Peoples Security.



\$363.48
TOTAL AWARDED

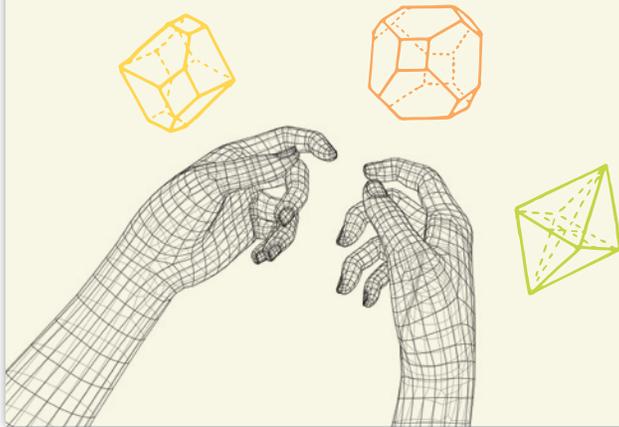
Design and Modeling for Ergonomics

STEM

Who Benefits?

Pennfield Middle School

Students in the technology education classes designed ergonomic adaptations for people with limited use of their hands or fingers. These devices are used for tasks in their daily lives, including writing and preparing meals. Designs were sketched then created using a 3D computer aided drawing (CAD) software. Student ideas, once developed electronically, were transferred to a 3D printer using a flexible filament to make their ideas come to life.



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Gold
Transparency
2023

Candid.

NPSD Educational Foundation earned a 2023 Gold Seal with Candid/Guidestar!

Check out our nonprofit profile to learn more and make a difference with your support by visiting www.guidestar.org/profile/23-2522368

GUIDESTAR profiles give donors detailed information about an organization, aiding them in their search for trusted organizations. A Gold seal on a profile denotes a higher level of transparency, including comprehensive details about finances, Board of Directors, staff and overall demographics.

Paving the Way for Excellence

The Foundation awarded 72 grants, totaling \$155,387.57 (including EITC).

\$12,924.00
TOTAL AWARDED

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

LITERACY

Established in 1966, Reading is Fundamental (RIF) has ignited a love for literacy by providing free access to books and literacy resources. For over 30 years, North Penn School District has partnered with RIF to provide books to its approximate 1,000 first graders across 13 elementary schools. When funding was cut by the sponsors of the RIF organization, the NPSD Educational Foundation stepped in to ensure funding continued to provide fun and meaningful literacy experiences to first graders throughout NPSD's 13 elementary schools.

In October each year, RIF kicks off in NPSD with a play put on by teachers, administrators and high school students demonstrating the importance and fun of reading. Throughout the school year there are events so students can experience the fun of reading, such as book distributions, meet the author or character events, read alouds, and assemblies and station rotations so students experience the fun of reading.

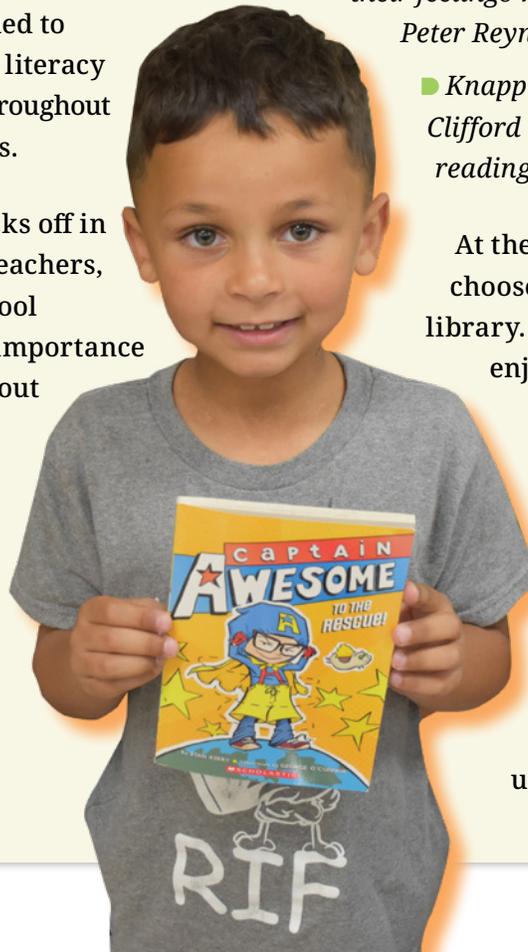
Who Benefits?

All 13 NPSD Elementary Schools

Some of the other events NPSD has made available to first grades include:

- *Kulp Elementary first graders adopted a penguin from the Philadelphia Zoo and learned all about penguins from reading about them.*
- *York Avenue Elementary first graders were inspired to be creative and act out their feelings with books written by Peter Reynolds.*
- *Knapp Elementary first graders met Clifford the Big Red Dog and had fun reading about him in his books.*

At the end of each RIF event, students choose their own books for their home library. The interactions young children enjoy at home with their caregivers, especially conversation and hearing stories read aloud, play a significant role in academic success and beyond. Children who have access to books gain the opportunity to learn about their world, acquire more sophisticated vocabulary, and understand how language works.



\$638.32
TOTAL AWARDED

Fresh Fish and Coral

STEM / EITC FUNDED



Who Benefits?

North Penn High School

Fish and coral were purchased for breeding and propagation by marine science work-study students. **Currently, the NPHS marine science program is the only high school in the nation that maintains a professional and profitable coral and fish breeding lab.** The program supplies coral that has been propagated by students and sold for store credit to local businesses. This grant was used to build upon this success by purchasing new specimens of fish and coral that can be bred and propagated.

\$699.71
TOTAL AWARDED

Children Around the World Activity Box

HISTORY/ SOCIAL STUDIES/
MUSIC AND ARTS/ READING/
WRITING/ LANGUAGE

Students enrolled in the NPSD's Extended School Care program were introduced to other cultures through reading books, playing games, participating in crafts and other activities from other cultures. Students discussed similarities and differences to their own lives while learning about how children around the world live. The project reinforced concepts taught during the school day in the areas of reading, social studies, art, teamwork and following rules. Students spent time listening, discussing concepts, learning new games and creating art projects based on the information and stories read from other cultures by providing hands-on enrichment activities.

Who Benefits?

All 13 Elementary Schools +
Extended School Care Program



*Kindergarten through sixth grade students in the **Extended School Program** at each of North Penn's 13 elementary schools had the opportunity to read books and participate in crafts while learning about different cultures and experiences of children around the world.*

GRANT IMPACT

2022-2023 GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

Each funded project not only enhances the curriculum but also provides a hands-on and innovative way for students to embrace and fully comprehend the lesson. When NPSD educators apply for these grants, they think about how this experience will benefit students socially, vocationally and educationally.

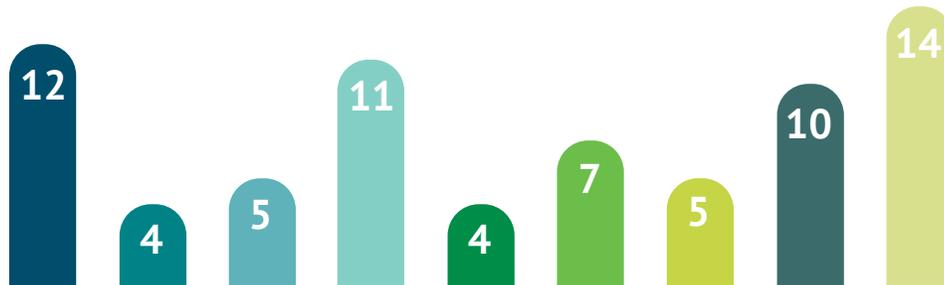


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TOTAL PERCENT FUNDED

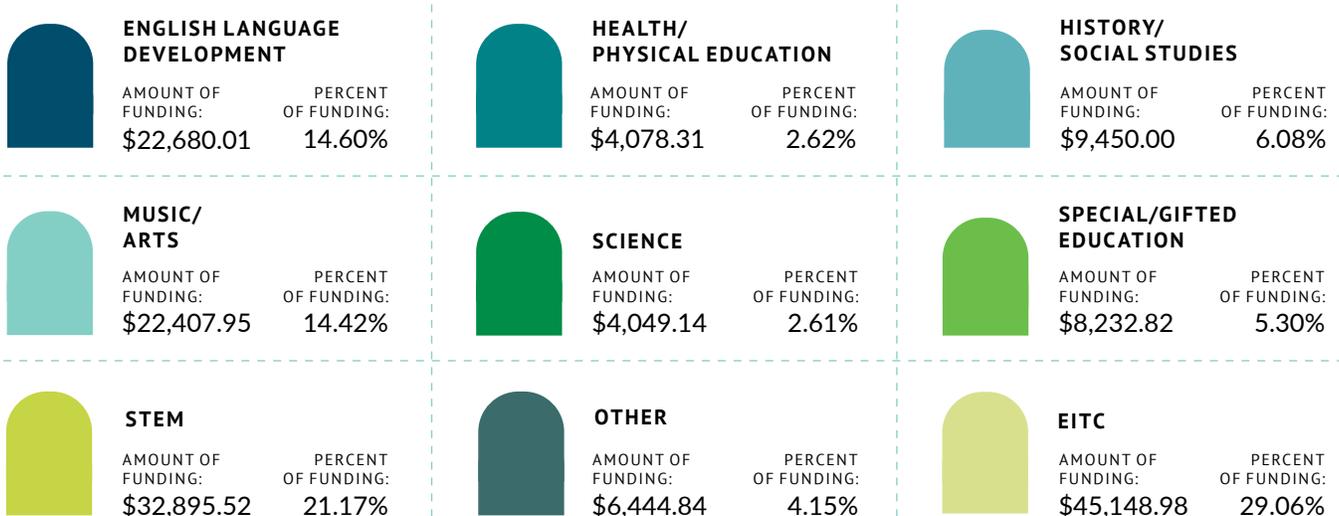
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING
\$155,387.57

Nº OF GRANTS / AMOUNT OF FUNDING / PERCENT OF FUNDING (2022-2023)

NUMBER OF GRANTS *by program*



AMOUNT OF FUNDING / PERCENT OF FUNDING *by program*



\$1,357.00
TOTAL AWARDED

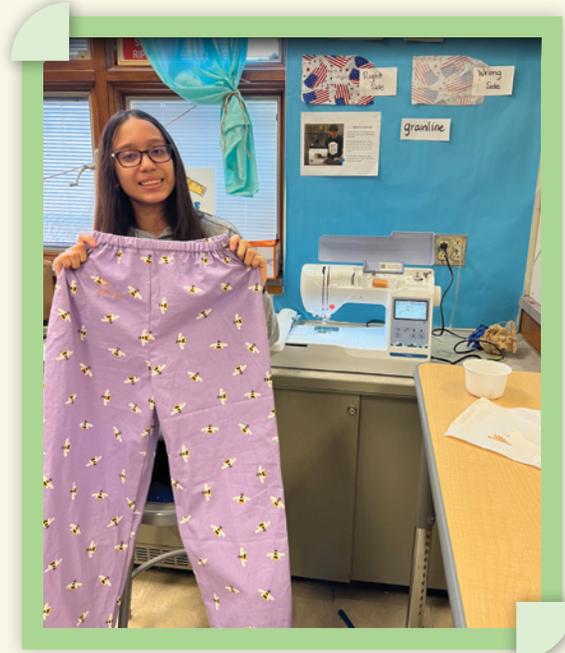
Personalized Sewing Projects Using Modern Technology

**HUMAN SERVICES/ CONSUMER SCIENCES/
STEM/ TECHNOLOGY**

Over 1,000 Family Consumer Science (FCS) students each year use technical skills, spatial reasoning and fine motor skills in the FCS curriculum. Modern embroidery machines allow students to digitize a design and incorporate it into personalized sewing projects. Students created a sewing machine project based on their developmentally appropriate skills and were able to add personalization to their creations using the embroidery machine. Students added their name to a pillow case and added a connection of computerization in the fashion industry. Some students chose to donate sewing projects to community services or give as gifts to family.

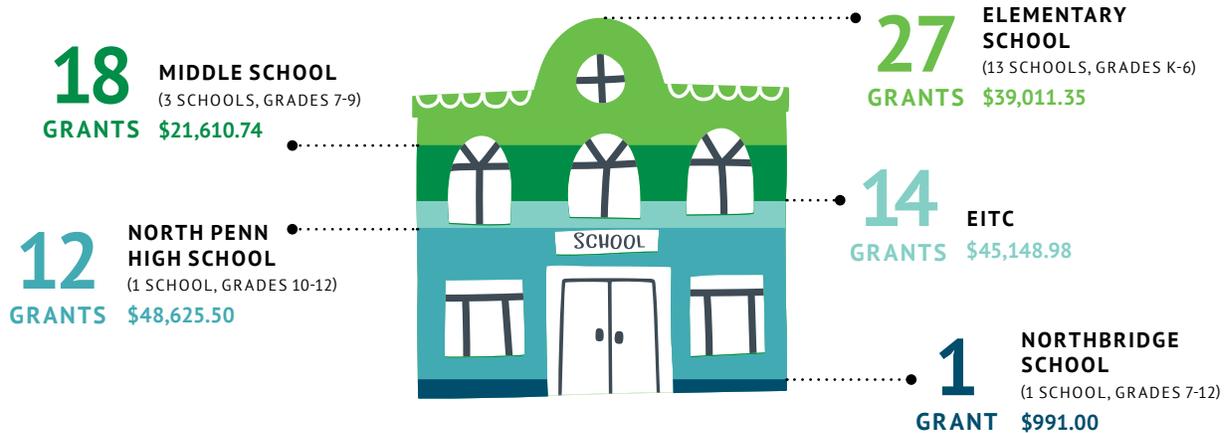
Who Benefits?

Penndale Middle School



№ OF GRANTS / AMOUNT OF FUNDING BY SCHOOL LEVEL (2022-2023)

The Foundation believes it is important to provide grants across all grade levels so all students have access to new experiences that can motivate and inspire them.



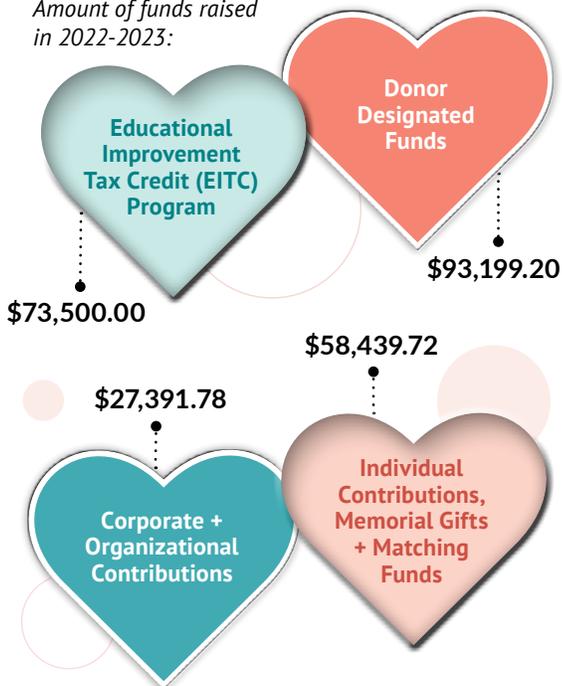
Impacting Success Through Fundraising

North Penn community members, businesses and organizations play an important role in the effectiveness of the Foundation. It's because of the funds generated throughout the community that the Foundation is able to provide the funding for innovative programs that enhance the learning experience of our students across grade levels. These experiences can be the catalyst to a student's future.

FUNDING A NEED

Some donors have a cause near and dear to their heart and prefer to donate to specific initiatives to benefit students.

Amount of funds raised in 2022-2023:



Annual Golf Classic

Golfers unite for a cause to raise money for continued learning.

\$28,001.03 RAISED



Annual Giving Campaign

Donors show their support for the Foundation's work to help all students succeed.

\$9,301.18 RAISED



Staff Tribute

Families recognize those teachers and staff members who have made a difference in the life of their child by donating on their behalf.

\$5,775.00 RAISED



Build-A-Bag Community Backpack + School Supply Drive

Community donations supply filled backpacks and hope to students in need.

OVER 350 BACKPACKS

Online Auction

Bidders raise funds to provide students with unique opportunities



\$13,283.47 RAISED



U-Knight to Inspire (Employee Contributions)

Employees are vested in the future of students and donate to provide innovative experiences.

\$15,800.28 RAISED

Even without campaigns, students and community partners donate to the NPSD Educational Foundation because they believe in the work the Foundation does by providing exceptional experiences for students and staff.



*NPHS sophomore, **Glenn Xavier**, donated his \$900 earnings from the Autism Acceptance Walk to the NPSD Educational Foundation.*



***Penn Pump** selects an employee each quarter to choose an organization in which to donate \$3,000 on behalf of the company. NPSD Educational Foundation was the lucky recipient of one such employee.*

*The **Verizon Foundation** provided the NPSD Educational Foundation a \$5,000 grant.*

FINANCES IN REVIEW

2022-2023 LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NET ASSETS | \$482,526.88 | \$409,365.98 |
| UNRESTRICTED | \$323,716.24 | \$337,012.16 |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED | \$158,810.64 | \$72,353.82 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS | \$482,526.88 | \$409,365.98 |

GROWTH IN ASSETS (2014-2022)

| | Growth in Assets | Total Assets |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| 2014-2015 | ↑ +\$23,508.46 | \$190,937.21 |
| 2015-2016 | ↑ +\$29,580.19 | \$214,445.67 |
| 2016-2017 | ↑ +\$50,401.95 | \$244,025.86 |
| 2017-2018 | ↑ +\$14,462.56 | \$294,454.79 |
| 2018-2019 | ↑ +\$14,772.37 | \$308,917.35 |
| 2019-2020 | ↑ +\$96,865.76 | \$323,689.72 |
| 2020-2021 | ↓ -\$11,189.50 | \$420,555.48 |
| 2021-2022 | ↑ +\$73,160.90 | \$409,365.98 |
| 2022-2023 | - | \$482,526.88 |



PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

The NPSD Educational Foundation introduced its first annual Scholar for Innovation senior award to be presented to a student who displays a genuine quest for innovation through high school studies and/or work in the North Penn community. Innovation is based on questioning and challenging the status quo. It is also based on recognizing an opportunity and taking advantage to further one's self. Congratulations to Alec Sciuotto!



First annual Scholar for Innovation senior award goes to **Alec Sciuotto**.

ABOUT THE NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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DONATIONS

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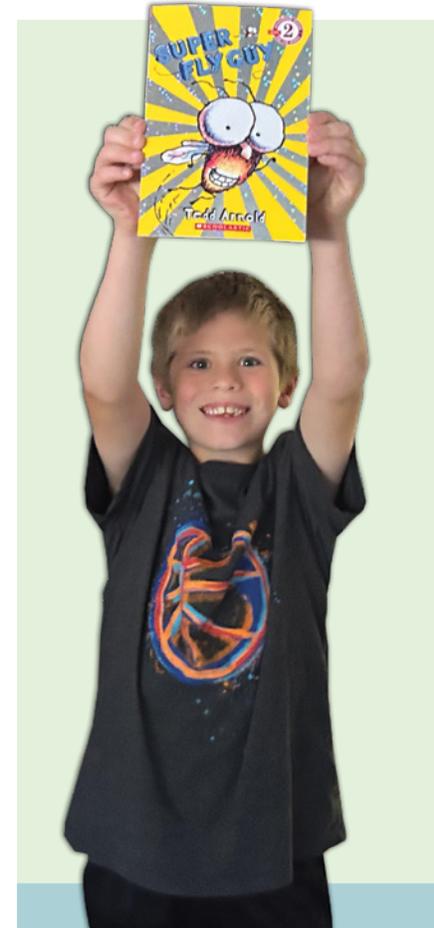
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