

Loudoun Education Foundation



NEWS

LEF Teacher Grant Projects Underway



Teachers in 34 LCPS classrooms are putting their LEF grants to use this semester. The Foundation handed out awards totaling \$15,866 during the fall teacher classroom grant cycle to support innovative, hands-on learning experiences in area schools. Some of these projects were highlighted in a recent [Leesburg Today article](#) and a complete list can be found on the [LEF website](#). LEF credits donations from **Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation** and the **employees of Orbital Sciences**, as well as funds raised from its annual golf tournament, for making the Fall 2014 grants possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBD

Local Education Foundation Leadership Forum

Monday, March 2, 2015

LCPS Senior Art Show
Art Institute in Dulles, Virginia
Open to the public

Friday, March 13, 2015

School Business Partner Breakfast
National Conference Center,
7:30AM

Thursday, March 19, 2015

34th Annual Science and Engineering Fair
Freedom HS, 6PM

WHO WE ARE



The Loudoun Education Foundation--a 501(c)3--raises funds to create exceptional learning opportunities for

Williams Proposes Budget for FY 2016

LCPS Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams presented his Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget last week to the School Board. "We don't just want to make it through budget time," Williams told the School Board. "We want to have a budget that allows us - not only to do the great work we've been doing - but lets us get better." Williams' proposed budget is a 7.6% increase (an additional \$68.9 million) over the current budget of nearly \$912 million.



LCPS Superintendent
Dr. Eric Willia

The superintendent said there are several factors driving his budget, including: staff compensation increases averaging 2.5 percent; growing student enrollment and the need for new schools; the limited expansion of full-day kindergarten and the restoration of nine middle school dean positions; resource reallocation that does not result in a reduction of force; and an increase in 344 employees. If fully funded, the Superintendent's proposed budget would result in an average cost per pupil of \$12,697, which is \$502 more than the current school year. However, this would still be \$83 lower than the \$12,780 average cost per pupil during the 2008-2009 school year.

The Loudoun School Board will seek public comment about the LCPS Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 on Tuesday, January 20th, and Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30PM, during work sessions at the LCPS Administrative Offices in Ashburn.

PROGRAMS

Spring Teacher Classroom Grant Cycle Beginning February 9th

LCPS Teachers, Submit Applications for Grants up to \$1,500

With 129 applications submitted last semester-a record for the fall grant cycle, the Foundation recognizes interest in the program is growing. Thanks to a generous \$10,000 grant from the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, the pool of available grant funds has increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 this spring.



Loudoun's public school students. Channeling our community's resources to students and teachers, Foundation projects capture the joy and love of teaching while increasing student engagement and the ownership of learning.

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Please consider making a donation to LEF online!

Since the 1991-1992 school year, the Loudoun Education Foundation has given over a million dollars to support the teachers and students of Loudoun County Public Schools. The Foundation seeks private funding and resources to strengthen the quality of the Loudoun County Public School system beyond what public funds can accomplish.

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The Foundation will begin receiving applications for innovative classroom projects up to \$1,500 on February 9th.

[The application and instructions are available here.](#)

Previous applicants whose projects were not funded are encouraged to reapply. *(Please note that requests for resources and technology must be tied to a specific project with measurable results.)*

LCPS Employees Encouraged to Apply for LEF Scholarships

The Foundation will begin accepting applications on January 26 for its annual teacher and classified employee scholarships. Two scholarships for \$1,250 each are available to classified employees who are pursuing a teaching degree. Five scholarships are available to current LCPS teachers for graduate programs applicable to critical teaching shortage areas. **The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation** has funded the scholarships for \$5,000 each. Scholarship recipients must have worked for LCPS for two years and are committed to working in the school system for an additional two years. [For details and an application, visit the LEF website.](#)

EVENTS

Foundation to Host Regional Leadership Education Forum

Executive Directors from local education foundations- including Clarke, Fairfax, Frederick and Prince William counties and Falls Church City- will gather soon at the LCPS Administrative Building. LEF is hosting its annual Local Education Foundation Leadership Forum. This year's event will focus on the role education foundations play in helping their communities. Time and date TBD.

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