



Dear Parents, Neighbors and Educators,

June is just around the corner, and we can hardly believe how far we've come.

Just one year ago, BTEF was simply an idea being discussed around the kitchen table. Isn't that often where the best ideas begin? Today, we are a growing community of dedicated parents, educators, and neighbors united by one belief: investing in our children's education is one of the most powerful things we can do.

In just a few short months, we've made incredible progress—and it's because of you. Thank you for showing up, for volunteering your time, and for supporting our mission to create exceptional opportunities for our students.

We're now in the middle of our very first Educator Grant cycle, and the response has been inspiring. We received 21 applications from educators across all six of our schools. After careful review, 18 innovative proposals have advanced to Phase 2. We look forward to announcing funded grants at the Board of Education meeting in June. **These grants will be rolling out in classrooms across our district starting September 2026!**

**Here's the challenge:**

We currently only have \$45,000 available to fund these grants—but the total requested funding is \$78,000. And that doesn't yet include the opportunity to expand some of these impactful ideas across more classrooms and schools.

**With your help, we can close that gap.** 🍊

Your donation today will directly support creative, meaningful projects that enhance learning and open new doors for students across our district. Together, we can ensure that every grant that has moved on to Phase 2 is funded—and that the best ideas reach even more students.

[Our goal is to raise \\$20,000 in the next month to fund these sustainable, long-term opportunities for our kids. Please consider making a gift today and help us turn possibility into reality. All donations are fully tax-deductible. If you have a business and are looking for sponsorship opportunities, email us at \[admin@bernardstef.org\]\(mailto:admin@bernardstef.org\) to become a Founding Sponsor with benefits from now through June 2027!](#)

Thank you for being part of this journey and for believing in what we can achieve together.

With gratitude,

BTEF Team

  **Mark your calendars!!**  

**May 16th:** Catch the Youth Initiative at Charter Day! They will be leading kids through a series of lemonade themed science experiments! 🍋🧪

**October 17th:** Our Youth Initiative is bringing something spooky to Ridge High School and you don't want to miss out! Save the date and stay tuned...!! 🎃👻👻🎃

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