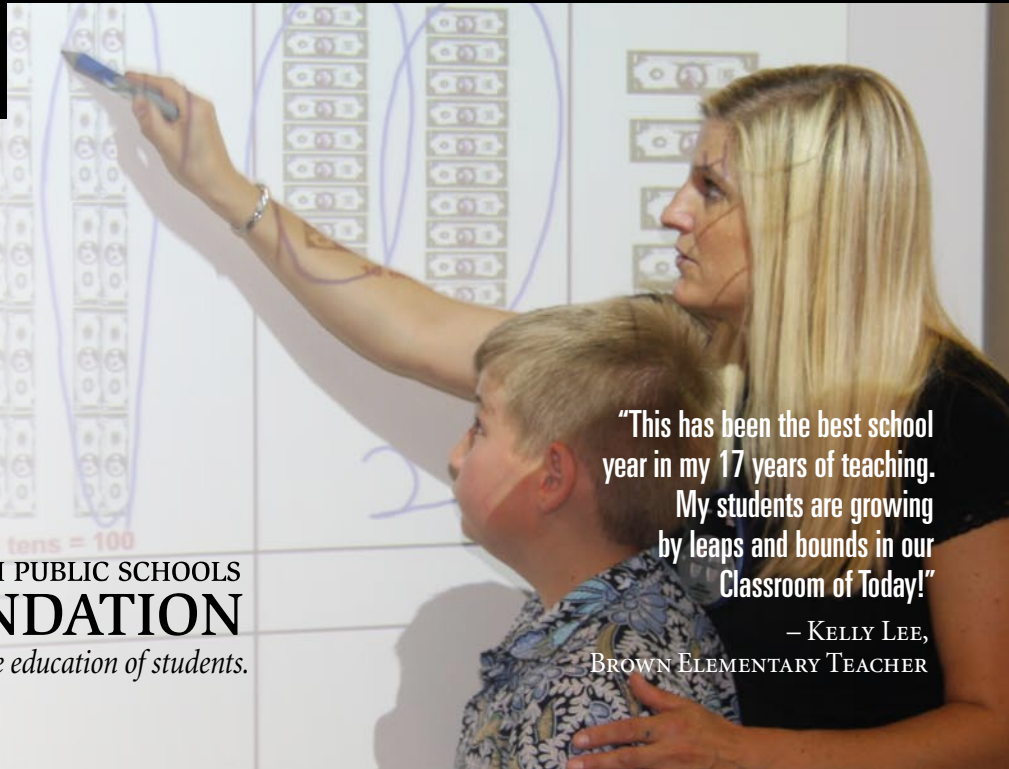
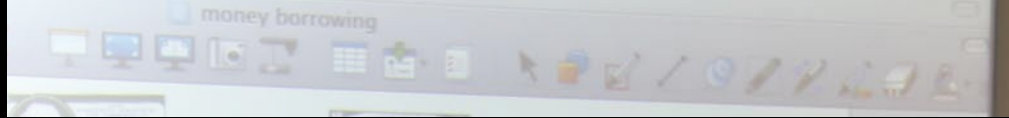


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ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

Enriching the education of students.

"This has been the best school year in my 17 years of teaching. My students are growing by leaps and bounds in our Classroom of Today!"

**— KELLY LEE,
BROWN ELEMENTARY TEACHER**



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THEIR POTENTIAL

All donations directly support our tradition of excellence.

◀ *St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation kept our swimming and water safety program afloat by funding new life jackets for our third graders.*

St. Joseph Public Schools have a tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, music and athletics. Yet, to continue to realize this goal and carry St. Joseph Public Schools into the future, we cannot rely solely on state funding. As the state struggles for

resources and as operational costs continue to rise, it is increasingly difficult to fund the extras that make our students' educational opportunities unparalleled in the region. So we created a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation to supplement our financial resources with private donations. All funds donated to this foundation go directly to support our schools. Every day these funds make the future of our students and communities stronger.

"It's wonderful to have life jackets that fit the students properly so they can learn correct safety techniques."

— NANCY SAYLOR,
BROWN ELEMENTARY TEACHER

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THEIR EDUCATION

We can offer no greater gift to our children than to dedicate ourselves to educational excellence.

Mission

The purpose of the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation is to raise, steward and distribute resources to enrich the education of students in the St. Joseph Public Schools.

Vision

Increase opportunities for students in curricula, facilities and various learning options by securing resources from diverse sources of funding through broad community involvement.

“The mat cutter will be an integral part of creating high-quality displays for years to come.”

◀ *Students learn how to display their artwork professionally using the mat cutter and mat board funded by a SJPS Foundation grant.*

Focuses

- Professional development
- Education enrichment
- Technology enhancements
- The Arts
- Scholarships

— JOE FRALICK,
ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER



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THEIR MINDS

Improving our children's futures.

How is the SJPS Foundation improving our children's futures? It changes their lives through simple things: classroom dictionaries and atlases, fiction and non-fiction books, picture books for the youngest students, math materials and dry erase boards. The Foundation widens their horizons through field trips, Science Olympiad, mini-

courses and Knowledge Masters. It transforms our Classrooms of Today with breathtaking technology and continually raises the bar for excellence in music, the arts and theater for our region. The Foundation's expectations for excellence is why parents trust St. Joseph Public Schools to provide the best possible education for their children.

◀ *Giving our kindergarten students a great start in reading is important to our Foundation donors and board members.*

"It has greatly helped our reading program. With manipulatives, the children are able to learn in a variety of ways and at many levels."

— AMBER LANGE,
E.P. CLARKE ELEMENTARY TEACHER



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THEIR AMBITIONS

Everyone can help make a difference.

The success of the SJPS Foundation depends entirely on the trust and active support of this community. Generous gifts of time, talent and financial contributions come from individuals, businesses and organizations committed to enhancing the educational

opportunities of our students. But our long-term goals of providing additional support to our teachers, students and the entire St. Joseph Public Schools family requires that more people from the community extend a hand to help. If you have a passion for the success of St. Joseph Public Schools students, please consider how you can help us secure and deliver academic excellence in our district today and years from now.

◀ *Science material grants from the SJPS Foundation ensure our students are prepared for some of the most demanding colleges and careers.*

“The materials provided by the Foundation will enrich the curriculum and allow more students to have a real hands-on experience with forensic science.”

– NITA NICHOLIE,
ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER



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THEIR COMMUNITY

Three ways you can strengthen our children's and communities' futures.

The SJPS Foundation has established two funds.

The Endowment Fund with the Berrien Community Foundation, provides interest income to support enrichment in academics, arts, music and theater. Based on your personal income tax filings, your gift may be tax deductible and eligible for

a 50% Michigan tax credit, subject to the set maximums. Talk with your financial advisor to see how you and the SJPS Foundation can benefit.

Special Activities Fund provides dollars to meet the immediate needs of the Foundation to support teachers and special projects in our areas of focus. Your gift may be deductible if you itemize deductions on your personal income tax return. See your financial advisor for more information.

Grant a wish. The third way you can help is to either donate your time and talents or grant a wish on the Foundation list.

You can make any of these gifts by completing a donor card or by contacting a SJPS board member or the Foundation directly. You'll find contact information on the last page of this brochure or at www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org. Please be the reason our schools and communities remain strong.

◀ *A collaborative effort with the City of St. Joseph and private donations to SJPS Foundation, made installing this informative community/school sign possible.*

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