

Impact on Education: Nonprofit Spotlight

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Impact on Education

Our Mission: Impact on Education leverages community resources to increase student learning, create opportunities and build support for public education in Boulder Valley School District. We value excellence, innovation and equity and focus on creating opportunities for "at-risk" students; increasing student interest and achievement in science, technology and math; and motivating and rewarding teacher excellence.

We Serve: Impact on Education serves the entire student body of 28,490 students in 55 BVSD neighborhood, focus and charter schools in the cities of Boulder, Broomfield, Lafayette, Louisville, and Superior, as well as mountain communities. We focus over half our resources on students who are "at risk" due to family poverty, being English language learners and/or not having a culture of education in their homes.

Brief History: Founded in 1983, Impact on Education recently partnered with BVSD and community organizations and businesses to promote our 25th Anniversary on school buses and to engage students in using custom Kerpoof/Disney software to create multimedia videos for a fun and instructional experience! In today's challenging economic climate, we are focusing more resources on students from struggling families: increasing our Opportunity Fund to help students overcome economic barriers associated with fee-based classes and extracurricular activities; working with Crayons to Calculators partners to engage the community in helping more BVSD and St. Vrain students to start school with a backpack of school supplies; supporting BVSD's School Food Project and are continuing to support innovative projects that increase student success.

Proudest Accomplishment: We are proud to be an incubator for innovative teaching and learning; for partnering with excellent educators to pilot new approaches and for building bridges that allow schools and teachers to experience and benefit from the amazing resources in our community.

Greatest Need: Over the past six years, Impact on Education has grown dramatically and is helping to address the needs of an ever-increasing population of "at risk" students. The achievement gap between low-income, Hispanic students and white students in BVSD is the highest in the state of Colorado -- we are committed to increasing community engagement and support for addressing this issue.

Future Plans: With budget cuts further eroding Colorado's investment in public education, Impact on Education must be even more innovative and accountable in identifying sustainable approaches to increasing excellence and equity in BVSD. Over the next year, we will engage the community to identify priorities and ideas for addressing critical needs.

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