


IMPACT  EDUCATION
Community Partnership For
Boulder Valley Public Schools

2006 Annual Report

Impact on Education at a Glance

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Excellent Teachers

Research consistently shows that student learning is most strongly correlated with excellent teachers

“At-Risk” Students

Students, primarily from low income homes, need help overcoming economic and learning barriers that curtail success

Science, Technology and Math

To be successful in our increasingly global marketplace, students must develop stronger competencies in science, math and engineering.

OUR INITIATIVES

Impact Awards Program

Rewards and motivates teacher excellence

Classroom Mini-Grants Program

Provides resources to creative teachers for hands-on classroom projects

Opportunity Fund Program

Provides funds to help low-income students access academic and extracurricular opportunities

Crayons to Calculators Partnership

Collaboration among six local non-profit organizations provides school supplies to students in need

STAR Program

Funds projects that reduce risk factors that contribute to student dropout

Partners in Education

Engages businesses and community organizations in working with BVSD students and schools

Tech 21 Program

Funds technology that enables student learning in science, engineering and math

Amgen Science Partnership

Funds middle school science clubs and science projects at all levels

OUR MISSION

Leverage community resources to impact student achievement and increase support for public education. Our programs, partnerships and advocacy efforts support three focus areas.



Francie Anhut, CEO

Last year, thanks to increased support from our Board of Directors, donors and volunteers, Impact on Education accelerated progress in all three of our focus areas: excellent teachers, “at-risk” students and science, technology and math. Through these efforts, we are proud to contribute to the outstanding educational opportunities that make Boulder Valley schools among the best in Colorado and make our communities great places to live, work and raise a family.

One of our key goals is to ensure that ALL children in the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) have equitable access to quality public education. Impact on Education helps address equity issues through our Opportunity Fund and STAR projects. Last year, we also launched **Crayons to Calculators**, a consolidated school supply drive, with several area non-profits. In collaboration with Extras for Education and the “I Have a Dream®” Foundation, the August 2005 drive focused community attention on the thousands of students who start school without the supplies they need to succeed. Thanks to sponsorship from Corporate Express, Crayons to Calculators provided supplies to more than 2,000

disadvantaged students at 24 schools. During the year, Family Learning Center, Sister Carmen Community Center and Foothills United Way joined to expand the program’s impact. The Boulder Rotary Club also awarded Crayons to Calculators a major grant of \$120,000 over three years to increase community outreach and engagement.

A second theme that emerged from our 2004 strategic planning process was for Impact on Education to become a more active advocate on behalf of public education. During the year, we undertook two advocacy initiatives. First, we spearheaded the **3A Campaign** to increase reimbursement for transportation so that monies would be freed up to upgrade classroom computers. 3A was approved by the voters and generated \$4.2 million in funding in 2005. It will continue to provide annual funding so that classroom computers and software can be replaced every four years. Already, more than 5,000 brand new computers have been installed throughout BVSD.

Secondly, we launched **Education Matters: Business Leadership Forum** in partnership with the Boulder Chamber of Commerce with the goal of increasing business support and awareness of

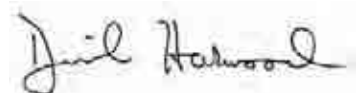
education issues. Intended to be an annual forum, the first Education Matters was hosted by Ball Corporation and attended by 50 business leaders. While the impact of these advocacy initiatives is not reflected in our financial statements, they very effectively address our mission by “leveraging community resources to increase support for public education!”

We also continued our work to recognize excellent teachers through our Classroom Mini-Grants program and our Impact Awards program. In the focus area of science, technology and math, we supported both Robotics education programs and the ongoing integration of Interactive Learning Technology (“Clickers”) into all BVSD middle school math and science classrooms.

Your support was essential, and we thank you for partnering with us to increase opportunity and achievement for ALL students. It is a great privilege to work with you on behalf of public education in Boulder Valley. Together, we’re making an impact on education.



Gigi Reynolds
Board Chair, 2005-06



David Harwood
Board Chair, 2006-07

Our Focus: "At-Risk" Students

Last year, there were 4,000 Boulder Valley students who were considered "at-risk" because of low-socioeconomic levels. Unfortunately, this number continues to increase. These students and their schools require extra resources to ensure their academic success and graduation. Impact on Education is committed to providing that support.



STAR

Through STAR (STudents Achieving Resiliency), Impact on Education raises funds for district-wide, multi-year projects that support "at-risk" students and narrow the achievement gap. In 2005-06, we raised and distributed \$97,158 to support three STAR projects:

MIND THE GAP: Boulder and Centaurus high schools are utilizing tutors to help English language learners increase their achievement in major content areas. Tutors are working with students one-on-one in classrooms and after-school study sessions.

MUSIC PATHWAYS: Data consistently shows that students involved in high-level music instruction are more academically successful and more likely to graduate—regardless of their income level. The program provides private music instruction sessions to high-needs, sixth- and seventh-grade students at Casey and Angevine middle schools.

POWER TOOLS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This summer institute provides low-achieving students, who are transitioning from Lafayette elementary schools to Angevine Middle School, with the essential mathematical, computational and problem-solving skills they need to succeed in all classes.



Partners for Education

With the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Daniels Fund, Impact on Education created a blueprint to engage businesses and community organizations in public education. "Partners in Education" are those organizations that commit to work with BVSD students and schools, bringing additional volunteer resources into high-needs schools to support "at-risk" students. The concept is based on the successful relationship between Angevine Middle School and Leopard Communications. Since 2004, Leopard has provided volunteer tutor support to Angevine. This program has become the centerpiece of Leopard's culture of community involvement.



Photo by David Clucas, The Boulder County Business Report

CRAYONS to calculators

School supplies for kids in need

In 2005, Impact on Education, along with Extras for Education and the “I Have a Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County, launched Crayons to Calculators, a collaborative school supply drive for kids in need. We raised \$67,728 from the community and were able to provide supplies to 2,000 children throughout BVSD. In 2006, we expanded the partnership to include three additional partners—Family Learning Center, Foothills United Way and Sister Carmen Community Center—and provided new backpacks filled with supplies to more than 2,500 students.

When we gave one of my parents her child's backpack of school supplies, she started to cry and said she was extremely grateful as she had just received a shut off notice for her electricity and had no money to pay the rent for this month, let alone get her child school supplies. Thank you so much for sponsoring this wonderful program.

Ginny Holien, Project Coordinator
“I Have A Dream”® Foundation

Opportunity Fund

Last fall was the second year that Impact on Education provided \$100,000 to BVSD schools so that students in need could access academic, extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that require participation fees. Rich Salaz, principal at Nederland Middle/Senior High, describes the opportunities provided to his students:

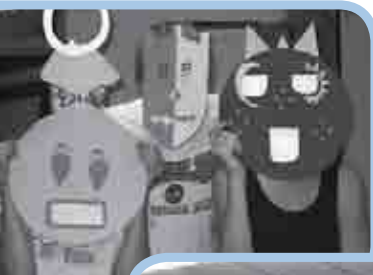
“Through the Opportunity Fund, students were able to participate in field trips, athletics, academic classes that require fees and other extracurricular activities. You have allowed us to open new worlds for our less affluent students and most importantly you have put smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts and for that I thank you the most!”

Our focus: Excellent Teachers

Excellent teachers make a profound difference in the lives of children. We support, encourage and acknowledge these excellent teachers through our Classroom Mini-Grants and Impact Awards programs.

Classroom Mini-Grants

The Classroom Mini-Grants (CMGs) program awards funds to teachers to implement creative classroom projects that enhance the curriculum and provide hands-on learning opportunities for students. Last year, we funded 148 projects totaling over \$83,000 at 48 schools. In addition, we streamlined the application and evaluation processes with the help of Bivio, a local Web delivered application company.



IN DEPTH AFRICA

Teacher: *Will Humke*

Through cross-cultural writing and drama, communication with Ugandan children, music, movement and art projects, first-graders at the Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies (BCSIS) learned about African history and cultures.



DANCE ME A STORY

Teacher: *Tracy Ayers*

Sixth-, seventh- and eight-grade dance students at Manhattan Middle School explored movement activities with trained dance professionals and learned to express their comprehension of literature through dance.



PUTTING THE MOVEMENT BACK IN BROOMFIELD HIGH

Teacher: *Emily DeCloedt*

Fifty ninth-grade students at Broomfield High explored the historical, cultural, literary and modern implications of the Civil Rights Movement through the creation of a multimedia display.



Impact Awards

Impact on Education annually honors excellent educators in the district through our Impact Awards. Award recipients receive a personal award, \$1,500 for their school, and public recognition at the Impact Awards dinner. The 2006 Impact Award winners were:

Ron Revier, *Music Teacher, Choral Director*
Fairview High School

Becky Russell, *Library Media Specialist*
Eldorado K-8

Tracy Tuttle, *First-Grade Teacher*
Monarch K-8

Barbara Watson, *Fifth-Grade Teacher*
Louisville Elementary

Craig Yager, *Fifth-Grade Teacher*
Whittier International Elementary



Teacher of the Year

Adele Bravo received this year's Colorado Teacher of the Year Award. Adele attended numerous receptions throughout the year, including one at the White House! Thanks to Impact on Education's generous donors, we provided Adele with funds so that her husband and daughters could travel to Washington, D.C. and share in this once in a lifetime experience.

Our Focus: Science, Technology and Math

In an increasingly technological world, Impact on Education recognizes that Boulder Valley students must advance their capabilities in science and math.

Tech 21

Impact on Education's district-wide, multi-year projects enhance student learning in science, technology and math. Last year, we provided second year funding of \$95,380 to two programs:

INTERACTIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY—"CLICKERS"

Michael Matassas,

Project Leader

The "Clicker" program is in its second year of implementing hand-held learning technology—clickers—in middle school math and science classrooms. Results

have been overwhelmingly positive. Among a group of 22 underperforming eighth-graders whose grades were tracked over three trimesters, the failure rate decreased from 21 percent to 1.5 percent with the use of clickers.

ROBOTICS EDUCATION

David Clark, Project Leader

Robotics Education aims to increase student engagement in robotics classes, clubs and tournaments. The program is specifically focused on increasing participation by female students and students of color.

AMGEN®

The Amgen Foundation continued to be one of Impact on Education's strongest supporters by providing \$35,000 to support 15 science-related projects, our Tech 21 program and science clubs at Casey and Manhattan middle schools.

3A Campaign

Last fall, Impact on Education spearheaded the successful campaign to pass Referendum 3A, which generated funds to increase student and teacher access to functional computer technology in the classroom. Computers and software now will be replaced every four years. Since the Referendum passed, more than 5,000 new classroom computers already have been installed across the district.



Program Statistics

	Dollars Awarded	Schools Impacted	Students Impacted
Classroom Mini-Grants	\$83,952	48	23,369
Tech 21	\$95,380	13	2,278
STAR	\$97,158	9	211
Opportunity Fund	\$101,241	44	8,062
Crayons to Calculators	\$67,290	24	2,000
TOTAL*	\$444,661		

* An additional \$119,118 was distributed through scholarships, directed gifts, in-kind program donations and advocacy efforts.

Having a clicker gives me self-confidence, which can make me concentrate more so I don't have to worry about embarrassing myself by getting the wrong answer.

Aaron Jones, 8th grade, Eldorado K-8 School

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Our Support



Quality education is vital to developing a highly skilled workforce, a robust economy and an improved quality of life. In the fall of 2005, Impact on Education and the Boulder Chamber of Commerce—with the support of Ball Corporation—hosted “Education Matters.” Executives from major businesses in the Boulder area came together to learn about the critical link between public education and our economy and businesses, and to discuss strategies for engagement and support.



Impact on Education and SpectraLink partnered last year to recognize BVSD high school student artists through a drawing and painting competition. Student award winners received a cash prize and the opportunity to display their artwork at SpectraLink’s corporate headquarters in Boulder. In addition, each participating high school received \$1,000 for their art program.

Student contest winners were:

- * **Erin Brotherton**—Boulder High School
- * **Jenny Luo**—Peak to Peak K-12 Charter School
- * **Karen Medina**—Broomfield High School
- * **Geoffrey Tice**—Broomfield High School
- * **Crystal Vega**—Peak to Peak K-12 Charter School



Impact on Education Key Contributor Awards

Our Key Contributor Award annually acknowledges the individuals and organizations that have provided major, sustained support to Impact on Education over the years.

The 2006 recipients were:

- * Wells Fargo Bank
- * D&K Printing
- * Laurie Hanson & Karin Kearney



ASK GRANT RESULTS IN INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED STUDENT PROJECT!

Malcolm Young from Centaurus High School won 3rd place in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair for his project on coral bleaching. Malcolm purchased the supplies for his project through a \$4,600 ASK grant from Impact on Education. ASK, a scholarship program established by an anonymous donor, supports hands-on, student-driven, independent study projects in art and science for sixth- through twelfth-grade students.

Our Financial Impact

Thank You Volunteers and Ambassadors!

Hundreds of volunteers supported Impact on Education this year! Our volunteers helped in countless ways, from reading and scoring Classroom Mini-Grants to serving on program and event committees.

Our school ambassadors also provided invaluable support. School ambassadors from each of the 54 BVSD schools serve as a conduit of information between Impact on Education and their individual school communities.

Razzle Dazzle

Impact on Education's 19th annual fundraiser was held once again at the Boulder Reservoir. The theme was Beach Ball—Parasol. Thanks to many generous sponsors and attendees, the event raised \$132,000 to support Impact on Education.

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Beach Ball
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2006	2005
SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$491,799	\$525,530
In-Kind Contributions	\$118,663	\$18,087
Special Events - Net	\$220,097	\$163,475
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$830,559	\$707,092
REVENUE		
Investment Income, Net	\$35,599	\$19,666
Realized Gain or Investments	\$708	\$6,440
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$34,985	\$25,214
TOTAL REVENUE	\$71,292	\$51,320
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$901,851	\$758,412
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Distributions	\$540,009	\$453,230
Program Management	\$120,371	\$79,070
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$660,380	\$532,300
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Fundraising Expenses	\$85,577	\$98,367
General and Administrative	\$69,184	\$61,310
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$154,761	\$159,677
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$815,141	\$691,977
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$86,710	\$66,435
NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year	\$836,222	\$769,787
NET ASSETS, End of Year	\$922,932	\$836,222

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