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### Mission

To develop and provide a permanent source of supplemental funding for improving the quality of education within Peoria Public Schools.

The Foundation shall work in partnership with businesses and the greater community and raise and disburse funds only for the use and benefit of the students, staff and alumni of Peoria Public Schools.

### Vision

The Peoria Public Schools Foundation champions real and positive change in Peoria Public Schools. It successfully devotes its expertise and fundraising capabilities to serve as a catalyst to implement bold ideas that achieve remarkable outcomes for our children.

### Upcoming Events

#### Schoolhouse Open (Miniature golf)

May 6, 2017

Water Street/Warehouse District

#### Golf Outing & Dinner

June 26, 2017

Country Club of Peoria



The Peoria Public Schools Foundation is a private, independent 501 (c)(3) organization established in 1992. Our board and staff raises, manages and invests private contributions in ways we believe will help maximize the substantial public investments our taxpayers already make in the schools. When schools and staff cannot do or fund a project on their own, the Foundation steps in to help. The Foundation serves as a bridge to the community to bring leaders and advocates to the school district.

### ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-School program is a partnership with Peoria's business and private sectors to utilize the vast human resources and talents in our community to strengthen, enhance and enrich the quality of education in the Peoria Public Schools.

Businesses and organizations may choose to participate by partnering with a school, by sponsoring the program financially, by in-kind donations or by mentoring/tutoring. The objectives of each partnership are flexible, and the relationships grow and flourish through a climate of active involvement and interaction.

### HORIZONS CLUB

PPSF's Horizons Club is a lunchtime educational opportunity that allows students to investigate various industries and occupations, which will help them make more informed choices during middle school, high school and beyond. Students learn from professionals in a variety of industries about their careers and the educational path they took to reach their dreams, in addition to learning goal-setting techniques, study skills, and career and education information.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### TEACHER GRANTS

Since 1998, PPSF has provided more than \$240,000 to classrooms and teachers throughout Peoria Public Schools. Its classroom grants program is designed to benefit students by supporting teachers, allowing professional educators to implement their most innovative ideas. In addition, new this last school year, Field Experience Grants are available to teachers to take students on field trip educational experiences.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Peoria Public Schools Foundation administers 11 student scholarships for high school seniors, as well as two scholarships for middle school students.

### How to Help

**Financial gifts.** Send your contribution to the Peoria Public Schools Foundation office, or make a secure donation online.

**Donate basic-need items.** The Peoria Public Schools Foundation receives requests from schools and school staff, including helping students and families in need with school uniforms or winter clothing. A fund is established to assist with this large need in the school district. We do accept gently used items, as well as school supplies.

**Volunteer.** The Foundation relies on volunteers to research, orchestrate and evaluate its many programs and staff our events. Contact us to get involved and to volunteer.