

BETTER TOGETHER FOR OUR STUDENTS

2025 - 2026 Annual Report



The FOUNDATION
For Daviess County Public Schools

TOGETHER, *We're Making a Difference*



This past year has been a meaningful one for the Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have been able to support students, invest in educators, and create opportunities that make a lasting difference in our schools. Together, we are building a culture of support, opportunities, and belief in what our students can achieve.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



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We are grateful for a community that continues to invest in our students and support the work happening in our schools each day.

CHARLEY BROUGHTON
DCPS Superintendent



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I get to see every day what happens when a community shows up for its students, and it's something really special.

EMMY WOOSLEY
Foundation Executive Director

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Supporting the Foundation is an investment in the future success of DCPS students. I invite you to join us in enhancing their educational experience and opportunities.

CLINT HARDY
2025 Board Chair



2025 - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Devin Berry	Clint Hardy
Jake Boswell	Sarah Mattingly
Charley Broughton	Tammy Rice
Dylon Cecil	Meghann Richardson
Maria Clark	Tony Sparks
April Devine	

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The Foundation plays a vital role in ensuring every student has access to opportunities that go beyond the classroom. It strengthens our schools, supports our educators, and invests directly in the future of our community.

SARAH MATTINGLY
2026 Board Chair

INVESTMENTS IN OUR STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Expanding opportunities for learning, growth, and well-being

INBODY ANALYZER FOR STUDENT WELLNESS AT AHS

At the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year, with additional support from an Owensboro Health mini grant, the Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools helped Apollo High School purchase an InBody 270S body composition analyzer for the Health and P.E.

Department. This professional-grade tool helps students track important wellness indicators such as muscle mass, body fat percentage, hydration, and overall fitness progress. More than 500 students in PE, CrossFit, weightlifting, yoga, and JROTC courses will benefit from the analyzer, along with additional students through Apollo’s “Project Gemini” program.

“The Foundation’s investment in the InBody Analyzer gives Apollo students valuable insights beyond a standard scale, helping them track progress and celebrate personal growth. As an industry-standard tool, it can continue to support their wellness journey long after graduation.”

*Blake Warren, P.E./Health Teacher
Apollo High School*

LIBRARIAN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools proudly supported librarians from Audubon Elementary and Daviess County High School in attending the 2025 AASL National Conference in St. Louis.

The conference provided valuable professional learning opportunities focused on media literacy, student engagement, nonfiction and graphic novel instruction, and student podcasting. Both librarians returned with new ideas and strategies already being implemented to strengthen student learning and keep DCPS media centers innovative and student-centered.



STUDENT AVIATION CAMP

Apollo High School Air Force JROTC student Eli had the opportunity to attend an Aviation Camp at the Daviess County Regional Airport. Thanks to support from the Foundation for DCPS, his camp tuition was fully sponsored—helping him take flight toward his future goals.

READERS TO LEADERS

Through Readers to Leaders, the Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools connects community leaders with classrooms to promote reading and lifelong learning. During the 2025–2026 school year, leaders visited students at Southern Oaks, Audubon, and East View Elementary Schools to share stories and discuss the impact literacy has had on their lives and careers. We are proud of the program’s success and look forward to expanding it to more schools next year.



3 SCHOOLS
SERVED



40 + COMMUNITY
LEADERS



800 + STUDENTS
REACHED

“I love getting to spend a few minutes in the classroom with students, seeing their curiosity and hearing their questions is the best part, and it reminds us why supporting our schools matters.”

Ellen Ebelthar, Independence Bank

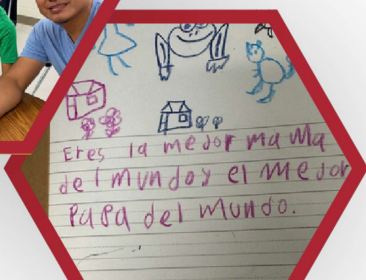


MULTI CULTURAL NIGHT AT MEADOW LANDS

Meadow Lands Elementary’s Multicultural Night brought students, families, and staff together to celebrate the diverse cultures and backgrounds represented within our school community. Through food, music, activities, and shared experiences, the evening helped foster connection, understanding, and a strong sense of belonging for all.

“We loved intentionally creating a fun, welcoming night just for our multilingual families, complete with shared meals, school connections, and activities that helped families feel at home at MLES.”

*Summer Davis
Family Resource Center Coordinator*



BE KIND

During the 2025–2026 school year, the Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools assumed stewardship of the DCPS Be Kind Campaign as it celebrated its fifth year of promoting kindness, character, and connection across the district. Each school recognized students who consistently demonstrated kindness, including selecting a Be Kind Student of the Year.



Community partnerships with organizations such as Owensboro Parent and supporters like Don Moore Automotive helped expand the campaign's reach, while a Heritage Park High School student representative even shared their message of kindness on WBKR. The campaign reflects DCPS's belief that developing compassionate, respectful students is just as important as academic achievement.

GUYS AND TIES

The Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools was proud to support the Guys and Ties program at Burns Middle School and its counterpart at Tamarack Elementary School. These mentorship-focused programs help students build confidence, leadership skills, and meaningful relationships with caring adults and community leaders. One of the highlights of the year was watching our students shine during their "graduation" celebration at the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Rooster Booster meeting on May 7, 2026,, where they proudly shared their experiences and growth with the community.



IMPACT 100 OWENSBORO FINALIST



The Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools was honored to be named a finalist for Impact 100 Owensboro with a proposal to create an obstacle course at Daviess County High School. The project was designed to support resilience, teamwork, and leadership development, particularly for students involved in JROTC programs.

BETTER TOGETHER: DCPS INSPIRE GRANTS

FUELING INNOVATION IN THE CLASSROOM

At the heart of the Better Together: DCPS Inspire Grants is a simple belief: when we trust educators and invest in their ideas, incredible things happen. These grants are bringing creativity, confidence, and new opportunities into classrooms across Daviess County.

Each year, educators across DCPS apply for funding to bring innovative, student-centered ideas to life in their classrooms.



Seven Grants Awarded in 2025



District-wide Impact



Teacher-led Innovation



Kindness Projects for Kindness Club: Encouraging empathy, service, and connection across generations

Energy Bus Culture Initiative: Building leadership, belonging, and positive school culture

Life Skills Lab: Preparing students with special needs for real-world success

Lab Experiences: Bringing hands-on science to life through real-world investigation

Social Smarts: Empowering Youth: strengthening communication, decision-making, and everyday life skills

STEM Club: Hands-on exploration in robotics, engineering, and teamwork

Every Space, Every Student: Calming Tools: Supporting focus, regulation, and student well-being in every classroom

WITH GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Daviess County Teachers Federal Credit Union for generously sponsoring three Inspire Grants and helping expand opportunities for our students.



Awarded annually and celebrated at DCPS opening day!

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

Our events bring together supporters, educators, and community partners who believe in the power of public education.



TRIVIA NIGHT AT BREW BRIDGE

In November we hosted a lively Trivia Night at Brew Bridge, bringing together community members, educators, and supporters for an evening of fun and friendly competition.

In addition to classic trivia categories, teams tested their knowledge with special DCPS-themed questions that celebrated the district's schools, history, and impact.



MAHJONG FOR A CAUSE

Our Mahjong for a Cause fundraiser brought together more than 60 women for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. The event introduced many participants to the growing game of Mahjong while raising support for programs and opportunities that benefit DCPS students and staff.

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS



JOIN US IN WHAT'S NEXT!

The impact highlighted in this report is only possible because of the generosity of donors, volunteers, educators, alumni, and community partners.

Whether you give, stay connected, volunteer, or attend an event, you make a difference for DCPS students every day.



BETTER TOGETHER FUND

Small gifts. Big impact.

The Better Together Fund supports the DCPS Inspire Grants, awarded each year for innovative student experiences and educator support. Through payroll deductions, one-time gifts, and business support, donors help bring these grants to life across the district.

Give Today!



40 + DCPS employees currently participate with an average gift of **\$2.60** per paycheck.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS NETWORK

Stay connected. Stay involved.

The Alumni & Friends Network helps keep graduates, former employees, families, and supporters connected to the Foundation. They receive Foundation updates, impact stories, and ways to support students and educators throughout the year.

Join Today!



FOUNDATION GOLF SCRAMBLE

September 12th
Ben Hawes

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