Barrington Education Foundation
Supporting Schools · Building Community

Impact Report

September 2025 – August 2026

A report to the business partners, families and neighbors whose support funds extraordinary learning in Barrington Public Schools



Barrington Education Foundation
283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

The Barrington Education Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

What you made possible



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Thank you. In 2025–26, your support allowed the Barrington Education Foundation to award $59,940 to all six Barrington public schools, bringing to life ideas from educators and staff across the district, from Olympic fencing to new cameras for Digital Imaging students, and giving every principal funds to invest in their own school communities. BEF is run entirely by volunteers, and every grant in this report was made possible by businesses, families and neighbors like you. We hope you will join us again this year.

The Board of the Barrington Education Foundation

HOW YOUR DOLLARS WERE INVESTED

Principal Impact Fund. Direct support to all six schools so principals can invest in their own communities: $7,500 each at BHS, BMS and HMS, $5,000 each at Nayatt, Primrose Hill and Sowams.	$37,500
Traditional Grants. Five staff-proposed projects of more than $750, awarded annually.	$20,176
SPAR-Q Grants. Four quick response grants of up to $750, awarded on a rolling basis.	$2,264

WHAT A GIFT DID THIS YEAR

$263
sensory support materials for Hampden Meadows fifth graders

$750
an author visit for Sowams students

$3,500
Olympic fencing for Hampden Meadows 4th and 5th graders

$7,500
16 cameras for the BHS Digital Imaging program

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Every grant, by school

Here is every dollar BEF awarded in 2025-26. **Traditional Grants** fund projects of more than $750 and are awarded annually. **SPAR-Q Grants** provide up to $750 on a rolling basis. The **Principal Impact Fund** gives direct support to all six schools so principals can invest in their own communities.

Barrington Middle School		**$15,940**
Audio engineering and media production tools	Traditional	$4,905
TV audio/visual rolling rack	Traditional	$2,800
Wooden library letters	SPAR-Q	$735
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$7,500
Barrington High School		**$15,000**
16 Canon EOS R100 cameras for Digital Imaging	Traditional	$7,500
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$7,500
Hampden Meadows School		**$11,263**
The Modern Musketeers Project: fencing for 4th and 5th grade	Traditional	$3,500
Sensory support materials for fifth grade	SPAR-Q	$263
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$7,500
Nayatt School		**$6,471**
Decodable take-home reading tools	Traditional	$1,471
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$5,000
Sowams School		**$6,266**
Guest speaker: author Marc Colagiovanni	SPAR-Q	$750
21 heart rate monitors	SPAR-Q	$516
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$5,000
Primrose Hill School		**$5,000**
Principal Impact Fund	Principal Impact	$5,000

9 educational grants ($22,440) + Principal Impact Fund ($37,500) **$59,940**

Traditional Grants

Traditional Grants are the cornerstone of BEF's grant program, funding innovative, school-led projects, equipment, and enriching learning experiences that go beyond the district's traditional budget. Awarded annually, these grants provide funding of more than $750 to bring ambitious educational ideas to life.



01 16 Digital Imaging Cameras

This grant will provide 16 Canon EOS R100 mirrorless cameras to modernize Barrington High School's Digital Imaging program, giving every student access to advanced, industry-relevant photography technology.



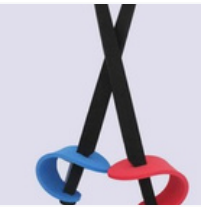
02 Audio Engineering and Media Production Tools

This grant will expand Barrington Middle School's audio engineering program with professional sound equipment, including a DJ controller station, professional studio headphones, a condenser microphone, a Yamaha MG12XU 12-channel mixer, and more. Through the Digital & Media Literacy classes, more than 700 students will have opportunities to explore sound production and develop technical skills.



03 Decodable Take-Home Reading Tools

This grant will provide decodable reading tools to support students who need additional literacy instruction, giving them access to engaging, appropriately leveled materials both in the classroom and at home. By connecting classroom learning with at-home reading practice, the program will strengthen foundational reading skills, build confidence and fluency.



04 The Modern Musketeers Project

The Modern Musketeers Project introduces Hampden Meadows School's 4th and 5th graders to the exciting Olympic sport of fencing, providing a unique opportunity to develop agility, focus, confidence, and strategic thinking. In collaboration with a Barrington High School student fencing coach, students will learn fencing fundamentals while exploring STEAM concepts such as speed, angles, timing, and spatial awareness.



05 TV Audio/Visual Rolling Rack

This grant provides a mobile rolling rack for sound and lighting equipment, enhancing the Middle School's TV Studio program by creating a more professional, industry-inspired production environment. The new equipment will allow students to take their productions beyond the studio, capturing school events, and bringing stories from across the school to life.

5 Traditional Grants across four schools **$20,176**

SPAR-Q Grants

SPAR-Q Grants are BEF's quick response grant program, providing funding of up to $750 to support timely educational opportunities. Reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis, these grants give educators the flexibility to respond to immediate needs.



01 Guest Speaker: Author Marc Colagiovanni

BEF funded a special visit from children's author Marc Colagiovanni, best known for his books ***When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left*** *and* ***The Reflection in Me.*** This engaging program inspired K-3 students to develop a love of reading and gain hands-on experience making educational live school events.



02 Heart Rate Monitors

BEF funded 21 fingertip heart rate monitors to support physical activity and self-regulation. These eye-catching displays allow students to track their heart rates during and after exercise, building a better understanding of how movement impacts their bodies.



03 Wooden Library Letters

BEF funded decorative wooden lettering for the Barrington Middle School library, expanding, engaging, and creating a dynamic environment that inspires students to read more.



04 Sensory Support Materials for Fifth Grade

BEF funded sensory materials for 5th-grade students to create a more inclusive, supportive, and engaging learning environment. These hands-on tools help students improve focus and build self-regulation skills.

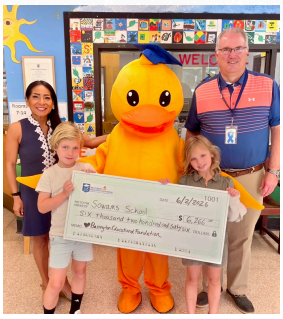
4 SPAR-Q Grants awarded on a rolling basis **$2,264**

Principal Impact Fund

BEF established the Principals' School Impact Fund, providing direct financial support to all six Barrington public schools, empowering principals to invest in their own communities.







$7,500
BHS · BMS · HMS

$5,000
SOWAMS · NAYATT · PRIMROSE

$37,500
TOTAL · SIX SCHOOLS

Great ideas, brought to life





BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • TRADITIONAL GRANT • $7,500

A Camera for Every Student

This grant provided **16 Canon EOS R100 mirrorless cameras** to modernize the Digital Imaging program, so each student has a camera of their own for the semester.

"The kids were ELATED to each be given their very own camera for the semester... It was worth everything to witness and share in their excitement."

Lauren Tucciarone, Barrington High School





HAMPDEN MEADOWS SCHOOL • TRADITIONAL GRANT • $3,500

The Modern Musketeers Project

The Modern Musketeers Project introduces 4th and 5th graders to the **Olympic sport of fencing** with a **Barrington High School student fencing coach**, while exploring STEAM concepts such as speed, angles, timing and spatial awareness.

"Your support helps us think beyond the traditional classroom and introduce exciting experiences that inspire curiosity, encourage students to try something new, and make learning memorable."

Ingrid Freeman, Hampden Meadows School





BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • PRINCIPAL IMPACT FUND • $7,500

Eagle LEAD

The Principal Impact Fund helped Barrington High School launch Eagle LEAD, a student leadership development program.

"Thanks to the generosity of the BEF, we have been able to bring Eagle LEAD to life and provide our students with a meaningful opportunity to develop their leadership potential."

Stephen Lenz, Barrington High School

ALSO THIS YEAR



Wooden library letters

Barrington Middle School • SPAR-Q grant



Author Marc Colagiovanni's visit

Sowams School • SPAR-Q grant

Who makes it all possible

BUSINESS PARTNERS

BEF is incredibly grateful to our local **Business Partners**, whose generosity and commitment to education help make our mission possible. Their contributions play a vital role in funding innovative grants, enriching classroom experiences, and creating meaningful learning opportunities for students across all six Barrington Public Schools.



ANDRADE-FAXON CHARITIES

BEF is honored to be the recipient of a generous **$12,000 grant from Andrade-Faxon Charities** for Children. Founded by Rhode Island professional golfers Billy Andrade and Brad Faxon in 1990, this charitable organization has a long-standing commitment to improving the lives of children throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.



RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE GRANT

The House legislative grant awarded the Barrington Education Foundation $2,200 sponsored by **Rep. Jason Knight** (District 67, Barrington and Warren).

$2,200

Annual Giving Drive

A heartfelt thank you to the individuals and families who supported the BEF through our Annual Giving Drive. Every donation, large or small, funds educational grants.

STAR - THANK A TEACHER

The BEF S.T.A.R. Thank a Teacher fundraiser is a meaningful way for families and students to recognize the dedicated teachers and staff who make a difference every day. Through a donation in their honor, community members can express their gratitude while supporting BEF's educational grant program. Every contribution helps fund innovative classroom projects, creative learning experiences, and enriching opportunities for students across Barrington Public Schools. It's a simple way to say "thank you" while giving back to education!





PINTS WITH PURPOSE

The Guild in Warren generously hosted two Pints with Purpose fundraising events benefiting the Barrington Education Foundation. These community gatherings brought friends, families, and neighbors together to support a local business while raising valuable funds to enrich educational opportunities for Barrington students.







$2 THE GUILD donated $2 for every featured pint sold at two seperate Pints with Purpose nights.

The Duck Race

The annual BEF Duck Race is our largest community fundraiser, bringing together families, local businesses, and supporters for a fun-filled day of activities, friendly competition, and community spirit. This beloved event **generates approximately 30% of BEF's annual fundraising revenue,** playing a vital role in funding innovative educational grants for Barrington Public Schools. More than just a fundraiser, the Duck Race celebrates the power of community coming together to enrich educational opportunities for our students.



RAFFLE BASKET DONORS

Nacho Mamma's
Spaghetti Lane
Plant City
Style Unleashed
Viola
Piezoni's Pizza
Bagel's Etc.
Rind Cheese Shop
Sweet Lorraine's
Moving Dough Pizza
Pita Pocket
Devon McWilliams Photography

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Duck Race Planning Committee
Town of Barrington and Barrington Recreation Department
Tap-In
Our Barrington High School Students and Parent Volunteers
The BEF Board of Directors
Barrington Fire Department
The Police Wonder Pup: Levi
Teacher: Mr. Stuart Moran - MC











Showing up for Barrington

School Open Houses

Each year, BEF proudly participates in open houses at all six Barrington Public Schools, connecting with families and sharing the impact of our work. These events provide an opportunity to **introduce families to BEF,** highlight the innovative grants, and recognize and **showcase our valued Business Partners.**









Memorial Day Parade

Each year, BEF proudly participates in Barrington's Memorial Day Parade, joining our community in honoring the **brave men and women who have served our country**. This cherished tradition also provides an opportunity to **recognize our valued Business Partners** for their continued generosity and support, while celebrating graduating seniors as they prepare for their next chapter.









Fund the next great idea

At the Barrington Education Foundation, we believe that when our community comes together, extraordinary things happen in our schools. Your support helps bring innovative ideas to life.

Every grant in this report began with an educator who saw a better way to help students learn. Your gift goes directly to Barrington classrooms.

TWO MEANINGFUL WAYS TO SUPPORT BEF

Become a Business Partner

By becoming a BEF Business Partner, your organization demonstrates its commitment to educational excellence while connecting with families, educators, and community members who value supporting our local schools.

Scan the QR code to learn more about becoming a BEF Business Partner.

Become a Friend of BEF

Friends of BEF is our community of individual donors—parents, grandparents, alumni, educators, neighbors, and friends—who believe in supporting exceptional educational opportunities for Barrington students.

Scan the QR code to join our **Friends of BEF** community and make a gift anytime, all year long.

Every gift makes a difference!

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