



FOREST HILLS FOUNDATION
FOR EDUCATION

**Forest Hills Foundation for Education Response to the
FHSD Board of Education June 22, 2022 Resolution**

As Board members and staff of the Foundation, we are inspired and guided by our Vision, Mission, and Values.

- **Vision:** Every Forest Hills School District student has the resources to reach their full potential.
- **Mission:** We cultivate resources and create opportunities to prepare all Forest Hills School District students to be successful.
- **Values:** Student-Centered, Community Connector, Innovation, and Integrity.

As a group of parents, community members, corporate and nonprofit leaders, we believe we need to understand others' differences and backgrounds to be successful. We must be able to have civil conversations and debates. The classroom creates a safe environment for students to make mistakes, learn and grow. We continue to believe in and support research based best practices in education such as fostering effective learning environments, including activities which ensure the ability for students to be heard and have a sense of belonging.

In the coming school year, we will continue to consider grant requests from the Forest Hills School District, increase our grant allocation to our front-line educators through Teacher Grants, and add a new category of School Group Community Grants - working through our PTAs and PTOs to hear directly from parents and students. We believe this approach will lead to even better outcomes for every student to have the resources to reach their full potential. We will continue to be vigilant in ensuring that our grants support our Vision, Mission, and Values.

For over 14 years, the Foundation has supported the Forest Hills School District by funding critical initiatives for the success of our students - Nagel After School tutoring and student clubs; a Child Focus Therapist; STEM programs such as Destination Imagination, Esports and Robotics; and Teacher Grants. We continue to believe the most effective and efficient way to impact the largest number of students is by partnering with the Forest Hills School District.

Thank you for your trust in us to achieve the Foundation's important and rewarding Mission to serve our students.