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Building Bridges to Education: Lake Washington Schools Foundation Raises \$23,250 for Summer Learning

Lake Washington School District, August 21, 2023 — The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is thrilled to announce the remarkable success of its recent fundraising campaign, which raised an astounding \$23,250 to support summer school programs. This outpouring of generosity from compassionate donors ensures that students in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) have equal access to invaluable educational opportunities, regardless of their financial circumstances.

"We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the compassionate donors who came together to raise a staggering \$23,250 to support summer school in the LWSD," said Katy Philips, Executive Director at the Foundation. "Your steadfast support has empowered us to profoundly impact the lives of students in our school district."

The funds raised through this campaign have had a substantial impact on students within the LWSD. A significant portion of the proceeds were designated to providing scholarships and transportation assistance for students experiencing homelessness.

For children with unstable housing, schools serve as a crucial haven during the academic year, providing stability and essential resources. However, school breaks can be especially challenging for students lacking a fixed residence. Summer school serves as an ideal avenue for these students to advance academically while benefiting from the positive and secure school environment.

The summer school scholarships provided students the opportunity to attend STEM, Drama, Integrated Arts, and Writing Camps, fostering a safe and enriching space for learning and personal growth.

Additionally, the campaign's success enriched the experiences of students attending Title 1 Summer Schools. Funding was allocated to engaging activities and covering transportation costs, allowing students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to explore new learning opportunities and discover their passions during the summer break.

"Students at our Title 1 Summer Program were able to participate in enrichment activities that included visits from the Reptile Man, local artists and our fire department." Shared Kelly Pease, Director of Learning and Teacher for K-5 at Lake Washington School District.

Furthermore, a portion of the funds were directed towards providing scholarships for grade enhancement, enabling all students to excel academically and achieve their full potential.

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation extends its deepest appreciation to each and every donor who played a role in this campaign's success. Together, they are creating a brighter future where every student can overcome obstacles and reach their full potential.

The impact of this campaign on students' lives is immeasurable, and the Lake Washington Schools Foundation remains committed to ensuring that every student has equal access to exceptional educational opportunities.

For more information about the Lake Washington Schools Foundation and its ongoing initiatives, please visit www.lwsf.org.

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The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all students in the Lake Washington School District have access to high-quality educational opportunities. Through fundraising and community support, the foundation aims to remove barriers, build connections, enhance learning, and build connections to enable all students to succeed academically and personally.

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