



**FOREST HILLS  
FOUNDATION**  
FOR EDUCATION  
*Investing in Success*

# Annual Report | FY 20

## A Year of Unparalleled Challenges and Bold Solutions



### Mission:

We cultivate resources and create opportunities to prepare all Forest Hills School District students to be successful

### Vision:

Every Forest Hills School District student has the resources to reach their full potential.

## Letter from the Board Chair

It is no understatement to call this a “remarkable year” in the life of our foundation, our schools, and our community. So much has changed – and so quickly – that it is easy to be overwhelmed by it. As a community, we asked a lot of our administrators, our faculty and staff and, indeed, our students. They delivered!

The Forest Hills Foundation for Education (FHFE) also asked a lot of our community in the past year. And you delivered!

A friend of mine often says, “you can’t predict the future, but you can prepare for it.” If you look to the Foundation’s Mission Statement, it refers to “preparing all FHSD students to be successful.” We want them to be successful in good years and in challenging ones. We want them to succeed now, and later in life.

We want the same for our school district and the wider community. At their best, that is what school foundations do. They help prepare for a future that they cannot predict. To that end, we set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$200,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. It would be our largest to date in our 11 year history.

It would mean asking the individuals and businesses of our community to reach deeper into their hearts and into their pockets. It would mean doing so in the same year that the District would ask voters to support a necessary operating levy.

As a community, you said “Yes, We WILL” to both. You delivered. Thank you! By saying “Yes” to the Foundation’s fundraising efforts, we were able to make it possible for the District to quickly deploy a much-needed additional counselor to serve the growing mental wellness needs of our students. We continued to support Mental Wellness programs already in place as well.

We were able to invest in innovation and technology experiences that make our

students resilient in a world that would demand that skill more than imagined. We also added an additional \$20,000 to our growing endowment, because as much as there are pressing needs today... we never know when the next critical need will occur.

There are many wonderful support organizations that raise funds for specific schools and specific activities or with specific types of initiatives. They are wonderful partners.

Please continue to support them. However, there will always be a need for significant resources (financial and otherwise) to provide incremental funding when and where it is most needed to make sure every student can reach their own potential. Because of your support, we will be there.

This also marks my final year as Board Chair of this amazing organization. It has been an honor to serve along with many of our community’s most dedicated volunteers and school supporters.

Having recently gone through a strategic planning process, the organization is in great shape. We have a super relationship with the Administration, with loyal corporate partners, and community leaders. And under the able leadership of my successor, Kimberly Mauer, I expect even greater things.

I close with this quote from Helen Keller. “Alone we can do so little. Together, we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Thank you for your continued support. In the coming year – and beyond, We WILL Prevail!

**Bill Lyon**  
Board Chair, FY20

**Thank you to our Community Partners:** Amy B Sells, Brandicorp, Energy Alliances, Inc., Forcht Bank, Gardner Business Media, Map Your Show, M.E. Lyons YMCA, Park National Bank, Zimmerman & Co. CPAs, Inc.



# Your Impact was felt in the hearts, minds and bodies of **Your** Students. #WeWILL and **YOU** DID!

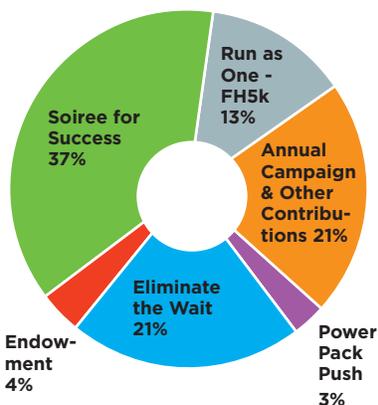
<p>W</p>		<p><b>WELLNESS:</b> YOU Eliminated the wait. Child Focus, Inc. reported there is NO longer a wait list for the Forest Hills school district with the additional therapist, allowing FH to meet the mental health needs of your students.</p>
<p>I</p>		<p><b>INNOVATION:</b> YOU sponsored elementary and middle schools Destination Imagination teams AND high school e-sports. These programs prepare your students for the future with the skills of critical thinking, teamwork and perseverance.</p>
<p>L</p>		<p><b>LEARNING:</b> YOU gave Nagel students a safe place to study after school, transportation home and extra activities to get them involved.</p>
<p>L</p>		<p><b>LOVE:</b> YOU answered the call to help feed students and build a community of kindness by participating in ALL IN, Power Pack Program, and the first ever virtual FH5Kind event.</p>

Your support helps the Forest Hills School District continue to be named within the **top school districts** in Ohio.

## FY20 Income Sources

Almost 25% was put towards an immediate need from the school district with the addition of a mental health therapist & Power Pack Program during the pandemic. Thanks to you, FHFE can meet the needs of our district FAST.

50% of dollars raised are from events! Thank YOU for joining the fun while doing good.



## FY20 Income Expenses

78% of expenses are directed back to the students. Thanks to YOU the FHFE can fill the gaps in the 4 pillars designated by the district.

