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Dear Summit Parents and Guardians,

Since 1986, the Summit Educational Foundation (SEF) has funded programs and initiatives to help ensure academic excellence in the Summit Public Schools.

**Who is SEF?** SEF is comprised of parents and community members just like you—people committed to providing the best public school education possible for our children. Last year, 130 volunteers gave their time and talent to help advance SEF’s mission. We are proud that nearly 700 families made contributions during the 2017-18 school year.

**What does SEF do for our children and our community?** SEF’s mission is to maintain and enhance the high quality of a Summit public school education through innovative educational programs. Since 1986, SEF has invested more than \$6.7 million in initiatives that enhance curriculum throughout the district. Last year alone, SEF awarded 82 grants totaling over \$377,100 across the District’s nine schools in the areas of science, math, literacy, language, technology, and the arts.

The back of this letter highlights some grants that SEF approved last year. We hope you’ll agree that these grants—which enable our teachers and administrators to create new programs, fund long-term strategic initiatives, enrich classrooms, and introduce new technology—deliver a clear benefit to our students.

**Why should YOU donate?** Each year our teachers and administrators are asked to do more with less, and we need your help to ensure that our students continue to benefit from innovative programs and cutting-edge ideas.

Please join in our effort and help us achieve our goal of creating the very best educational environment for all Summit public school children. No matter the dollar amount, your contribution is *critical*.

Thank you for your consideration of a gift to SEF. We wish you and your children all the best for a successful and enriching school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana K. Sajer', with a small dot at the end.

Diana K. Sajer  
President

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A district-wide sampling of grants that were funded during the 2017-18 school year:

**Summit High School**

- Continuation of the Peer Leadership Program
- Brocket Parsons one-day residency
- Purchase of electric string instruments for new Quintet Group
- Purchase of technical equipment for AP physics and chemistry classes
- Purchase of remaining stage lighting equipment for HS auditorium.

**Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School**

- Subscription to expand access to audiobooks
- 8-session Create Your Own Graphic Novel Program
- Sponsored Speech and Debate Team
- Sponsored Model UN Club
- Sponsored Math Team
- Lego Mindstorms Robotics Unit

**Elementary Schools and Primary Centers**

- Sponsored new training and access to curriculum for Art Teachers
- Battle of the Books program at all 5 schools
- Sponsoring two-year rollout of new Coding and Robotics curriculum in grades 1-5
- Family Literacy Night
- Family Tech Night
- Various flexible seating options to support focus and engagement across learning styles including standing desks, huddle desks, wobble stools, stability balls, etc.
- Guided reading materials for Literacy advancement
- Lego walls
- Virtual reality headsets
- Chromatic tone chime set
- Indoor tower garden
- Scholastic digital book subscriptions
- Sponsored Ukulele Club
- Secret Stories phonics program
- Motivation in Math- games and centers activities
- Summer programs for Brayton and Washington
- TREPS- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade entrepreneurs program
- LightBox Resources in Science and Literacy
- Teachers Professional Development lending library