On behalf of the board and staff of the New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation, we are pleased to present this Annual Report to the community for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. As the only not-for-profit focused solely on strengthening public education in Floyd County, we could not do it without your support.

It was a year that no student, teacher, or parent will likely forget. The Class of 2021 will get to share their story for years to come, with tales of e-learning, mask mandates, and reimagined traditions. Despite all the challenges, our students and staff rose to the occasion. Their hard work, resilience, and flexibility were evident to all. The Education Foundation stood alongside our dedicated instructors and learners every step of the way.

Through your support, we were able to provide Covid-19 response resources like PPE, cleaning supplies, and virtual learning tools through our Great Classroom Projects. We made alternative field trip opportunities possible for elementary students, and we continued to invest in the cornerstone initiatives of the Foundation like Blessings in a Backpack and Imagination Library.

We are grateful for our community partners, mentors, volunteers, donors, teachers, and staff who helped make the past year, while extremely challenging, a success. As we look ahead, we are committed to continuing to empower students and teachers to succeed through a strategic partnership with our district. We thank you for your generous investment in our cause. Let’s celebrate our successes and look ahead with eager anticipation of more good work to come!

Tyler Bliss  
Executive Director

Michele Day  
2020-2021 Board President
Renee Hausz, 1st-grade teacher at Slate Run Elementary received $1,500 for her 1st-grade team to implement a virtual math program that can be utilized by students at school and in the home.

**Great Classroom PROJECTS**

We know the exceptional educators in NAFC schools give all they can to make sure their students succeed. To help them along in their effort, we are proud to offer the opportunity for any educator in the district to apply for up to $500 a year in Great Classroom Project funding. These projects are used to provide additional resources to creative teachers for learning opportunities that enhance the educational and curricular objectives of their classrooms.

This past year, educators were also able to apply for Covid-19 response resources for the classroom. This included cleaning supplies, PPE and digital and online resources for e-learning.

- In the 2020-21 school year the Foundation funded $65,000 in Great Classroom Projects
- 152 individual classroom projects
- Over $850,000 to date
1ST YEAR TEACHER GIFTS

Many Education majors finish college and move into their first positions as teachers with little to no help. Can you imagine being responsible for purchasing the numerous supplies and materials needed for a classroom with 20-30 students? This is why the Education Foundation chose to award 38 educators, new to NAFCS, with $100 gift cards to Teachers Pay Teachers. Teachers face hundreds of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses to provide for their students. The Education Foundation is proud to facilitate a smoother transition into becoming a NAFC educator.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

During a challenging year, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Floyd County continued to be a constant in the lives of participating families.

Books, arriving monthly in the mailbox and filled with imaginative stories, provided a sense of calm and comfort in an otherwise hectic time. As usual, children found a book in the mailbox each month to enjoy with the family while developing valuable literacy skills, the first steps toward success in the classroom and life. And in each book, parents found suggestions for activities that would increase the family bond through reading.

All Floyd County children under the age of five are eligible. Go to imaginationlibrary.com to register online. You may also call the Imagination Library’s local office at 812-542-4001 or email bking@nafcs.k12.in.us to request a brochure or for more information.

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The NAFC Education Foundation is an official partner with the Floyd County Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. This group of volunteers is dedicated to making Floyd County a “hunger free zone” for all elementary school children. In conjunction with the national Blessings in a Backpack organization, the Floyd County Chapter aims to make sure that approximately 1,600 NAFC school children who rely on the federal free and reduced lunch program for their weekly meals, don’t go hungry on the weekend when school is closed.

Once a week for 40 weeks of the school year, volunteers pack backpacks of food to send home with eligible NAFC students. This food keeps hunger pangs at bay so the students can return to school Monday morning nourished and ready to learn. $105 a year will provide hunger-free weekends to a child in need.

Floyd County’s Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack is one of the largest in the country, having made the commitment to create a county-wide hunger free zone by providing food to pre-K through 4th grade students in need at all 9 elementary schools, Children’s Academy Early Learning Center, and 5th grade students at all 3 middle schools.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Education Foundation was honored to award a record amount of scholarships to graduating seniors from NAHS and FCHS at Class Night ceremonies in 2021. Three students each from FC and NA received $1,000 through the generosity of Teachers Credit Union and the Education Foundation.
We are also excited to announce five additional seniors from NAHS received the first Romeo Langford Academic Scholarships through the generosity of past student and basketball superstar, Romeo Langford and his family.

Great Pumpkin PROJECT

Over 1,800 pumpkins delivered to preschool, kindergarten, and 1st-grade students in NAFCS.

In a traditional year, the Education Foundation would provide funding for admission and transportation for elementary students to attend cultural and historical field trips. Due to health and safety protocols, this year those trips could not take place. However, last Fall we wanted to provide a unique learning opportunity for our students. Through partnering with Huber’s Orchard and Winery and funding provided by Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, we were able to provide a pumpkin, activity kits, and learning resources to every preschool, kindergarten, and 1st-grade student in NAFCS, over 1800 kids.

Field trips are made possible by funding from:

CAESARS FOUNDATION OF FLOYD COUNTY
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Miscellaneous School Projects**: $500
- **First Year Teacher Gifts**: $4,000
- **Scholarships**: $11,000
- **Educational Tours and Transportation**: $10,000
- **Blessings in a Backpack**: $72,500
- **Great Classroom Projects**: $65,000
- **Imagination Library**: $86,000

**Total Program Expenses in Fiscal Year 2021**
Endowment Account $200,000

**$250,000**

**BY THE NUMBERS**
Over $6 million given to the Foundation since 2005

- 11,725 students
- 1,800 employees
- 700 teachers
- 41.2% of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch
- 16 schools:
  - 9 Elementary
  - 3 Middle
  - 2 High
  - Children's Academy Early Learning Center
  - Prosser Career Education Center
LEAVING A LEGACY

NAFC’s graduates can keep up to date on alumni, NAFC School Corporation and Education Foundation news and events through the NAFC Alumni Nation. Our Nation is for alumni, community members, businesses, students, staff, friends, family and supporters of our teachers and students. It’s a way for you to stay connected and get involved.

From Alumni to Legacy Builder - Legacy NAFC is the official alumni support group recognized by NAFC Schools. Gifts to this Annual Membership Campaign allow the Foundation to provide for the emerging needs and challenges of all NAFC classrooms.

LEGACY NAFC

These unrestricted funds give the Foundation the flexibility to meet the greatest needs of our students, while allowing you to support the schools which made you! A membership to Legacy NAFC is one way to maintain a lifelong connection to your Alma Mater and help to strengthen our community.

While membership provides essential support for the Foundation, it also gives alumni various ways to stay connected. Members also receive exclusive benefits – from reserved parking at athletic contests, to tickets to our annual Education Celebration Gala, to special incentives.

Please visit https://nafcalumni.nationbuilder.com/ for more information and to become a supporting member.

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If you would like to know more, please contact Tyler Bliss, Executive Director, at TBliss@NAFCEdFoundation.org or (812) 542-2228. You may also visit our website at www.NAFCEdFoundation.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Annual Giving: Become a sustained supporter of our mission
Planned Gifts: Leave a legacy by adding the Education Foundation in your will
Memorial & Honorary Gifts: Make a gift in memory of a family member
Events: Participate in our Education Celebration! and Play FORE! Education Golf Scramble

The Education Foundation is an open door to make a multitude of projects possible! With your help, anything can be achieved. Contact the NAFC Education Foundation today for more information about opportunities for funding.
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Our Mission
The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation is an independent fundraising organization providing impactful resources and experiences to the students and teachers of Floyd County public schools.

Our Vision
The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation seeks to be the recognized, endowment-driven funding facilitator for the educational achievement of students and teachers, through investing in the future of our schools and the Floyd County community.
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