



2010 Update For Indiana's Lawmakers

What is The Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF)?

INAPEF serves as a resource to K-12 local education foundations (LEFs) and as a catalyst to increase community involvement for the enhancement of public education in Indiana. INAPEF was formed in 2000 to augment efforts of local foundations, to help them expand opportunities for their students, to support those existing foundations and to help communities start their own local education foundations. Through statewide and regional meetings, webinars and web information, INAPEF helps foundation staff and volunteers with many aspects of foundation management including training in:

- Process of school fund raising as an exciting multidimensional discipline with tested methodology and techniques
- Techniques in organizational management that includes staff and volunteer leadership development, governance and performance assessment
- Ethics and fiduciary responsibility

Why are K-12 public school foundations important?

The role of public local education foundations in the Hoosier State is becoming increasingly important as school districts tighten budgets and school funding formulas change. There are an estimated 80 local education foundations in Indiana, most supporting one school district, a few supporting more than one. Some were formed as recently as last year, while others have been in existence for more than 20 years. Of our members, a majority of foundations are managed with the help of full and part-time staff, while others are run completely by volunteers.

Nationally, this trend is nothing new. The 1978 court decision (Proposition 13) in California limited local public education funding from property taxes, which in turn prompted many communities to form foundations which raised funds to keep art and physical education programs in their schools. In response to financial shortfalls, the local education foundation movement continues to grow throughout the country.

Indiana's K -12 public school foundations gave more than \$5 million in 2008 to help improve the educational experience for Hoosier teachers and students. These foundations provide opportunities for donors to give back to their schools by funding teacher and classroom grants, student scholarships, and more. They partner with their schools to enrich the lives of students and teachers every day, often providing funding for new software or extra enrichment activities. Reasons public school foundations are formed include:

- To meet and enrich the educational needs of k -12 students in public schools
- To give school officials a realistic option for unmet needs currently existing in their schools
- To offer schools and communities opportunities for new funding strategies that enhance learning
- To provide a formal IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to offering donors the services expected when making tax-deductible gifts
- To take advantage of the projected intergenerational wealth transfer occurring in the next 20-30 years making trillions of dollars available for charitable giving
- To position local public schools to take advantage of the more than \$35 billion given in philanthropic donations to education each year
- To offer varied programs that give donors an opportunity to support their local K-12 public schools



2010 Legislation of Interest

SB 288: Tax Credits for Donations to K-12 Public School Foundations

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Why should lawmakers consider tax credits for donations to K-12 public school foundations?

Indiana's leaders know that to attract business, leadership and a quality work-force to a community, the local public schools must provide educational opportunities that prepare today's children for tomorrow's demands.

An individual and corporate tax credit for donations to K-12 public school foundations will encourage increased giving at a time when the need is greater than ever. The local education foundations are positioned to provide fund raising opportunities, to provide good stewardship of the funds raised, and to manage the distribution of those funds to benefit the education of Indiana's children.

Our public school children in Indiana deserve every opportunity available for enhanced learning opportunities.

SB 288 has been introduced by State Sen. Vi Simpson. Please stand up for the public school children in your district and support SB 288!

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