A report from the November 2023

### **Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation**

# THE Foundation

### **Enhancing Educational Experiences Since 2001**

### Dear Alumni, Community Members, and Friends of LRS,

The Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation continues to be a great partner of our school and allows our students to experience activities that enrich their educational and personal development. The Foundation recently supported major trips for our students, one to New York City, and the other to Boston. These were oncein-a-lifetime opportunities for some of our students. In addition to these cultural trips, other activities directly tied to our student's education have been supported by the Foundation, including students traveling to watch stage productions of works they have read in class, and inviting writers to come in and work directly with our high school students.

The LRS Education Foundation members are passionate about our school and students and have a great vision to continually expand upon what the Foundation provides. LRS's goal is to deliver the highest quality, fiscally responsible education possible to our students. Your donations to the Foundation help us achieve this.

On behalf of everyone here at LRS, I would like to thank the many generous donors for their continued support of our students.

Sincerely,

SAM NATTI, Principal

### FROM The Chairperson

The Education Foundation continues to be very strong financially and was able to fund many educational enhancements to benefit the students at Lisbon Regional School during the 2022-23 school year. We awarded 12 grants totaling \$26,080.64 during the school year. We concluded the year with a \$5,000 grant to have the band, Recycled Percussion, perform for the entire school and a \$11,662 grant for a trip to Boston for grades 8–11 (this year's high school).

Last year, we set a goal to raise \$33,000 from the annual appeal and increase our donors to 140. We have raised to date \$39,244, exceeding the goal by \$6,244 or 18.9%. We are pleased to report we had 138 donors, missing our goal by two. We had eight new donors as well as 25 previous donors returning, which is really exciting. We are so appreciative of our generous donors—the alumni and friends of LRSEF.

For the 2023-2024 fundraising campaign, we are setting a goal of \$40,000 in donations from 150 donors! This is still an ambitious goal with the current economy. The Board of Trustees will typically use 80% of the annual appeal money to fund grant requests. The Board of Trustees has also considered using up to 3% of the income from investments toward grants if more funds are needed.

At the Class of 2023 graduation ceremony, we awarded the Bob C. Butson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of Bob Butson, who was the founding force behind the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation, as well as our principal for several years before retiring. The scholarship is open to students pursuing a technical education degree or an education degree. The committee looks at academic and scholastic performance, community service participation, extra-curricular participation, and financial need. We had eight applicants this year, but only two applicants met the criteria. \$2,500 was awarded to Piper Blodgett, who is seeking a secondary education degree in English Literature, and \$2,500 was awarded to Taylor Clark, who is pursuing an elementary education degree.

On behalf of the LRSEF Board, I would like to again thank all the donors for their continued generosity and support of this extremely valuable program for the students at Lisbon Regional School. We encourage everyone to visit our website at *lisbonfoundation.org*.

John Fitzgerald, Chairperson



Thank you, Lisbon Education Foundation and donors, for your generous funding that made our June 13, 2023, Boston trip possible. Ninety percent of our high school students and eight chaperones ended the school year by visiting several of the city's educational and historic sites. For many, it was their first trip to Boston.

After boarding buses and trekking to the city, our first stop was the Museum of Science. We explored exhibits like *AI: Making the Invisible Visible and Artic Adventure* before viewing *Everest* in the IMAX theater.

After leaving the museum, we walked along the Freedom Trail, and experienced the history of the Revolutionary era. Along the way, we saw the Old North End, the Common, the Old State House, and Faneuil Hall, ending near our next destination, the New England Aquarium. At the aquarium, everyone enjoyed the shark and ray touch tank. We observed and interacted with cownose rays, Atlantic rays, and epaulette sharks.

Our last stop was Fenway Park. We rode the subway to the park and experienced all the excitement of a Red Sox game. From our between-innings dance-off moves, singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", and eating a Fenway frank, we enjoyed a close game.

We cannot thank you enough for making our trip momentous. Thank you for your generosity and support!

### Kindness is the Vibe

Recycled Percussion toured LRS with their "Kindness Experience". Their show was one hour of full throttle fun while they weaved in important messages around kindness, positivity, and mental health for social and emotional learning. Being some of the best professional entertainers in the world, the members combined their musical talents with their ability to inspire students with powerful messages. The students loved the show.





## 2022–2023 ADDITIONAL GRANTS AWARDED

**Grade 8** Capital Center for the Arts-Classic short stories performed

by Chamber Theatre Productions

**Grade 3-6** Winter program at Evergreen

Elementary Read Across America

K-4 Children's Literacy Institute-E. African music, dance &

inspirational stories performed by Ugandan peers.

Grades 1 & 2 Squam Lake Natural Science Center

**Grade 9** Heartsaver CPR/AED and First Aid

**Grades 6-8** Middle School PAWS Incentive

Grades 9-12 Academic Team equipment

**K-12** Equipment for Drama Club



Mrs. Blowey's first grade class created flags in March while celebrating national Read Across America Day.

### Dear John,

On the weekend of September 8, 2023, the Lisbon High School Class of 1967 held their 56th class reunion. Sixteen classmates (and 7 brave significant others!) attended.

One of the activities was a highly-successful fundraising raffle. As we reminisced about the wonderful experiences and education we received at LHS, we decided to donate a portion of the raffle proceeds to the LRSEF so that the current students will have the same excellent opportunities we had.

Please accept the enclosed donation from the LHS Class of 1967.

Sincerely,

MITCH BESAW WOZNIAK



### Paula & All,

I cannot thank you enough for bringing your students and faculty. I must share that you have the most wonderful students! They were friendly, respectful, and such great kids! I was happy to hear them responding in such a positive way. It seems they really enjoyed the play, and that makes me happy. You, your faculty, and staff are obviously positive influences. Your care and commitment to these kids shows in their demeanor. Please tell all the students that I think they are just terrific!

Sincerely,

Lynne M Grigelevich

Executive Director, Theatre UP

The LRSEF would like to thank outgoing member Don Butson for his many years of service, leadership, and commitment to our board. Don will be missed, but we are hopeful he will join us again sometime in the future.

Alumni, parents and friends can support the work of the Foundation in many ways. These include taxdeductible contributions such as annual gifts, special gifts to fund programs in specific areas, bequests, and memorial gifts to honor family members, friends, and classmates.

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