

Weston Education Foundation Fact Sheet

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Profile:

The Weston Education Foundation (WEF) is a non-profit community based organization whose mission is to support initiatives that cultivate meaningful learning experiences for our community. For over 18 years, WEF has been encouraging and funding original and pilot projects that support and enhance the educational health of Weston.

Funding:

The Foundation's three pillars for funding projects are: Technology Initiatives, Teacher and Curriculum Development, and Community Education. WEF supports pilot and original projects. Our goal is to introduce ideas and technology to Weston that will become absorbed into the fabric of our community.

WEF Supports:

Education is Weston's primary business. WEF supports the teachers and their initiatives in Weston's four schools- Hurlbutt Elementary, Weston Intermediate School, Weston Middle School and Weston High School. WEF supports the whole community by granting funds to organizations and individuals through the Community Education Grant.

Facts:

Since its inception, WEF has disbursed nearly **\$800,000** in community, technology and teacher grants. The primary sources of funding for WEF come from the residents of the town of Weston. It is in WEF's long-range plan to expand its donor base to the local business sector and to pursue outside grant opportunities.

Each year, WEF offers the following granting opportunities:

- Teacher Development and Creativity Grant
- Enrichment and Technology Grant
- Expert-in-Residence Grant
- Community Education Grant

WEF administers the David Triguax Award, a \$2,000 award given to a teacher in the Weston schools who demonstrates the highest level of originality and a dedication to creative teaching. The award is based upon nominations and disbursed by WEF in the spring of each year.