

RISING TO THE CALL:

# EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

2019–2020 ANNUAL REPORT



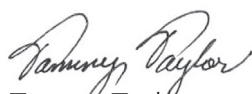
## Like many, the SLPS Foundation will mark 2020 as one of its most memorable years — both for the challenges our school system faced and for the remarkable adaptability and perseverance of our students, leaders and donors.

In the past year, the SLPS Foundation has been steadfast with consistent support to the District, and creative in pivoting to a whole new world of learning. **We have donors like you to thank for that!** In the pages that follow, you'll read about some of the Foundation's accomplishments and investments over the past year. And you'll detect a few themes:

- Nothing is the same, yet,
- Students still need and deserve some "sameness," some predictability in their lives.
- All of our decisions have been grounded in doing what's best for students.

We believe it is important to preserve a sense of normalcy in students' lives by stocking classrooms with good books and making sure students have caring adults to consult. At the same time, our investments have been leaps into the future of education: what can virtual learning open up for St. Louis students?

### Through it all, we are grateful for you.



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(l-r) Tammy Taylor, SLPS Foundation Board Chair; Jane Donahue, SLPS Foundation President

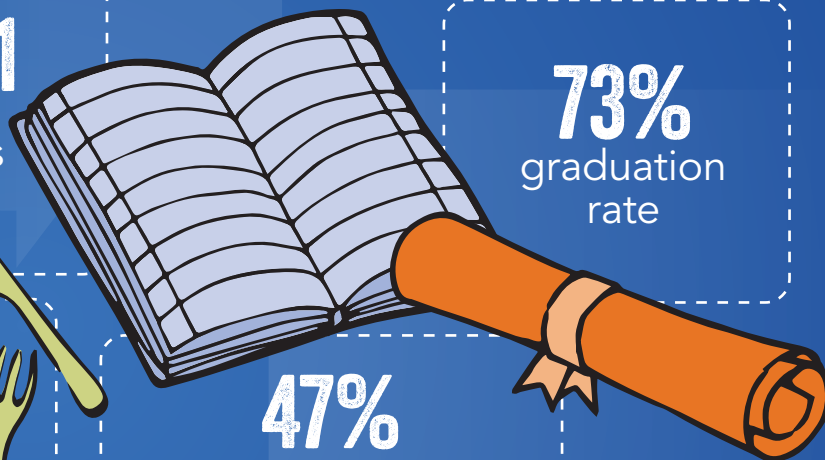
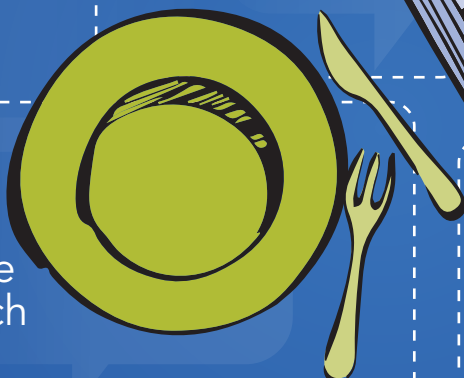
## DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

21,301  
total  
students

73%  
graduation  
rate

100%  
eligible for free  
& reduced lunch

47%  
of our city  
student population



# RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Like many "first responder" agencies, SLPS stayed open and showed up for students since the earliest days of the pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted SLPS staff and students. We are grateful to you for helping us raise over \$1M to support quality learning and social services for our students. The Foundation has supported SLPS in the following efforts since March 2020, continuing into 2021.

**PROVIDED OVER 300,000 MEAL KITS TO FAMILIES.**

via neighborhood school sites



**DISTRIBUTED 18,000 IPADS AND LAPTOPS**

to students and over 6,000 hotspots to families who don't have WiFi in their homes



Adapted curriculum and teaching for virtual learning and  
**EQUIPPED TEACHERS FOR SUCCESS IN THIS NEW FRONTIER**

Supported a team of social workers leading  
**CURBSIDE MENTAL WELLNESS CHECK INS**

**HONORED OVER 300 EDUCATORS**  
who have gone above and beyond the call



**CREATED A FAMILY STABILITY FUND**  
which offers families support with rent, utilities and food support

# INVESTMENTS & IMPACT

## QUALITY, FREE, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

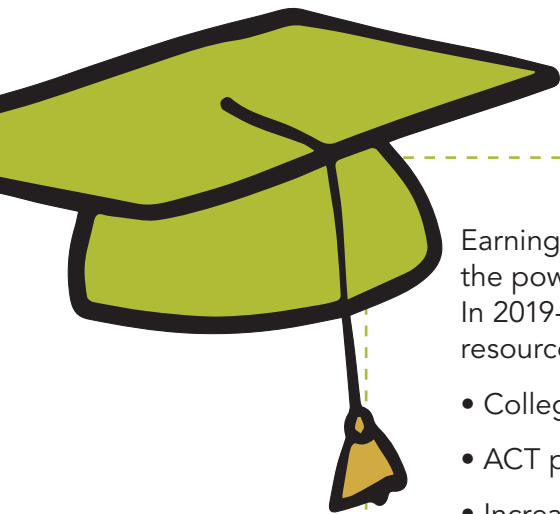
Investing in students early in their development gives them the best jumpstart for future school success.

Thanks to donors, we equipped SLPS to:

- Ensure that 2,100 young learners could participate in full-day, quality, free early childhood education. All of the district's 45 elementary schools include at least one early childhood education classroom.
- Provide over 300 early childhood educators with professional development that ranged from STEM learning, to building culturally competent classrooms.

In 2019-20, 89% of four-year-olds graduated from pre-K ready for kindergarten.

**The percentage of students who were on or above level in literacy development grew by 15%.**



## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Earning a postsecondary degree is a game changer. It gives students the power to write their own stories and achieve greater financial security. In 2019-20, the SLPS Foundation provided college and career readiness resources to students at all 12 SLPS high schools by funding:

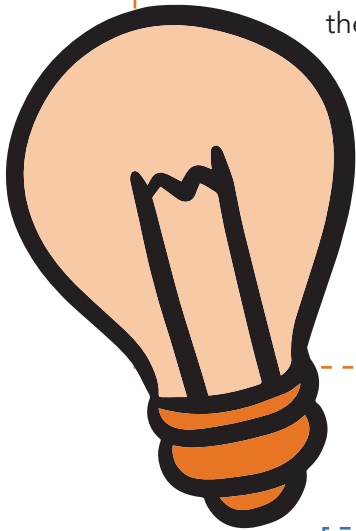
- College and career counselors
- ACT prep
- Increased scholarship opportunities
- Opportunities to graduate with both a high school diploma and associate degree via SLPS' Early College Academy

The District's **college enrollment rates have risen over the last 5 years** by 8% and enrollment in four-year colleges has grown by nearly 10% (28.8% in 2014 to 37.6% in 2019). Last year, **seniors were awarded more than \$41 million in scholarships.**

## INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Great schools need great leaders. Principal quality accounts for 10–25% of a school’s academic achievement, and the Foundation promotes school leaders who are committed to the highest expectations for students. Last year we did this by:

- Investing in a newly-created position, the Director of Virtual Learning
- Incubating a new teacher-led school model in the Consortium Partnership Network schools
- Awarding all-star efforts of teachers going above and beyond during virtual learning.



Despite the pandemic, we supported community visioning sessions to support feedback loops for the District’s consolidation plans.

**More than 1,000 community members participated in defining a vision of SLPS excellence.**

## STUDENT WELL-BEING

Research tells us that students’ ability to learn and succeed is directly correlated to their physical and mental health. Ensuring that our students learn about healthy living and can access proper medical and mental health care is critical. Thanks to donors this past year, we were able to support:

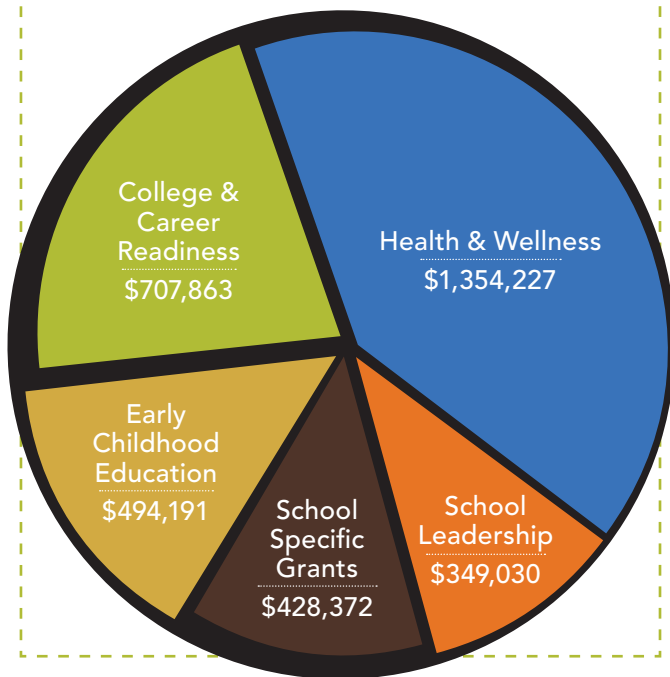
- Meal kits for students and their families between March and August 2020
- More school-based nurses and mental health care providers in schools
- A district-wide approach to fostering school cultures that support students who have been exposed to trauma and toxic stress

**85% of students receiving behavioral health services at school are making progress.**

# FINANCIALS 2019-20

Support for the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation grew in 2019-2020. We are grateful for the trust and support of our community and take our responsibility to transparency and equity seriously.

## INVESTMENT IN PRIORITIES



**TOTAL: \$3,333,683**

## REVENUE

	FY ending 6/30/2019	FY ending 6/30/2020
Contributions	\$1,714,201	\$ 2,054,866
Grants*	1,778,843	2,303,436
Special Events	120,951	145,538
In-Kind*	1,090,104	1,076,100
Investment Income	100,948	92,457
Other	41,031	1,330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,846,078</b>	<b>\$5,673,727</b>

\* includes in-kind support from BJC HealthCare

## EXPENSES

	2019	2020
Management	\$ 134,069	\$ 115,659
Fundraising	210,503	131,168
Program Services*	6,133,081	3,468,312
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,477,653</b>	<b>\$ 3,715,139</b>

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Beginning Net Assets	\$5,558,048	\$ 3,940,477
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,940,477</b>	<b>\$5,913,080</b>

Financials based on annual audit conducted by Anders.

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

## In kind

Includes COVID Support

### \$500,000+

BJC HealthCare  
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### \$100,000+

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### \$50,000+

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