



AN INTERNATIONAL  
BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021–2022

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

★ Dear Sarah Smith Community,

A community is much more than where people reside. It is action. It is service. It is caring. Your incredible support and care continue to have a tremendous impact on the academic future of our Sarah Smith scholars. I am elated to share how your generosity benefits the students of Sarah Smith.

The Sarah Smith Elementary Foundation (SSEF) funding provides our students with opportunities that enhance the curriculum. Have your children come home excited about High Touch High Tech? This is just one of the learning experiences that SSEF is able to offer our students through your donations. SSEF has purchased Eureka Math, classroom libraries, math manipulatives amongst other curriculum resources and supplies for the school.

The Sarah Smith Elementary Foundation also promotes and encourages innovation at Sarah Smith through teacher grants. Teachers can write a proposal to fund a project, submit it to the foundation and if approved, implement their project. The possibilities are limitless!

Many of you are aware of the teacher shortage crisis across the nation. The work that the foundation is doing to support our teachers with funds for classroom supplies, International Baccalaureate Programme, Dual Language Immersion and other trainings are critical to retaining and attracting highly qualified staff.

The support that our scholars and faculty receive from the Sarah Smith Educational Foundation is invaluable and has assisted in making Sarah Smith the school of choice.

To donate, make a pledge, and learn about your employer's corporate matching program, please read more about the SSEF Star Fund or contact this year's Star Fund Co-Chairs Jeni Guy or Jennifer Little at [annualcampaignssef@gmail.com](mailto:annualcampaignssef@gmail.com).

I cannot thank you enough for your generous donations. It really makes a difference for our students and staff. Thanks again for helping to make Sarah Smith a great school to learn and grow!

Sincerely,  
**Dwight Hutson**  
Principal

Since 2006, the SSEF has invested over \$3,000,000 in our school's curriculum, including programs and technology that benefit EVERY student at Sarah Smith EVERY day.

## ★ WHY ★

does a public school need a foundation?

The Sarah Smith school community values a first-rate education that goes beyond the ordinary. We want our students to receive an extraordinary education that public resources alone cannot support. The SSEF provides the supplemental funding to help Sarah Smith maintain its standard of educational excellence.

## ★ HOW ★

is the Sarah Smith Education Foundation funded?

The SSEF is funded through generous contributions from our parents, grandparents, staff, faculty, and community partners.



Go to [www.atlantapublicschools.us/ssef](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/ssef) to learn more about the SSEF and make your contribution today.



“ Sarah Smith is incredibly fortunate to have the support of the Sarah Smith Education Foundation. Since its inception in 2005 the students of Sarah Smith have benefitted greatly from the generous support of the SSEF. The SSEF has enhanced the educational experience of Sarah Smith students by providing state of the art technology, curriculum, educational support programs, math manipulatives, games and classroom libraries to name a few. Teachers at Sarah Smith have also benefitted from the support and generosity of the SSEF through additional training opportunities directly enriching the quality of education provided to all our students.

**Dara Campbell, Kindergarten Teacher**

**The Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the quality of education at Sarah Smith Elementary through strategic investments in curriculum and instructional programs that directly enhance the school's mission of academic excellence for all Sarah Smith students. We accomplish this by providing funding in three areas:**



Academic enrichment and supplemental curriculum materials not covered through the Atlanta Public School's budget



Faculty development opportunities that encourage teaching innovation and excellence



International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

# Financial Overview

★ In the 2021 / 2022 school year, the Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) invested more than \$118,000 in curriculum related items, such as technology, classroom equipment and professional development opportunities for our teachers.

With the generous support of many parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and community partners, we raised \$154,041 in the 2021 / 2022 school year.

The SSEF is committed to its mission – supporting the quality of education at Sarah Smith through strategic investments in curriculum and instructional programs that directly enhance the school's mission of academic excellence for all Sarah Smith students.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT



## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

### REVENUE

Annual Campaign	\$120,768
+ Auction Event	\$23,438
+ Super Star Supporters	\$8,884
= Total Fundraising	\$153,090
Interest Income	\$951
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$154,041</b>

### EXPENSES

- Total Fundraising	\$5,383
- General Administration	\$3,740
= Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$144,918
<b>SSEF Curriculum and Classroom Funding</b>	<b>\$118,530</b>

### RESERVE FUND

Balance (07.01.21)	\$515,561
Increase to Reserve	\$26,338
<b>Total Fund Balance (as of 6.30.21)</b>	<b>\$541,949</b>

APS Covid-19 health and mitigation protocols were still in place for a portion of the 2021-2022 academic school year. As a result, SSEF curriculum funding was limited in some areas due to these protocols.



★ **Curriculum and Classroom Funding Expenses**  
The SSEF funded more than \$118,000 in educational enrichment programs, materials and training. The following is a comprehensive list of investment areas funded to support our standard of excellence and benefit every student at Sarah Smith.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The largest percentage of SSEF funding was Academic Programming. These dollars supported curriculum initiatives that further all Sarah Smith Elementary student's mastery of Math, Science, English and the Arts.



### Classroom Libraries.....\$1,874

In addition to the school's media center, classroom libraries and the bookroom provide close proximity to literary resources. In-class libraries help enhance literacy, increase time spent reading and help improve fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, and reading comprehension. Funds pay for books for each class, leveled readers, and novels to support both the Georgia Standards of Excellence and the IB Inquiry-based Units. **Grades: All**

### Specialist Programs - Art, Language, Music & PE.....\$4,433

Provides funds for program-enhancing materials and equipment to supplement what APS provides. **Grades: All**

### Technology Integration...\$8,044

Instructional technology and hardware provided to assist in the goal of equipping every classroom with state-of-the-art teaching tools. **Grades: All**

### Tutoring & Enrichment.....\$8,572

Targeted tutoring provided for students for reading and math on an as-needed basis by qualified tutors. **Grades: All**

## READING AND ENGLISH & LANGUAGE ARTS:

### Learning-to-Read Resources.....\$14,102

Lexia Core 5 is a comprehensive technology-based literacy program that aims to build foundational reading skills for students of all abilities through personalized learning. The program focuses on six aspects of reading instruction: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and structural analysis. **Grade: All**

## SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES:

### High Touch High Tech.....\$13,321

Local scientists set up and oversee 'in-house' field trips in order to provide students with hands-on learning directly tied to each grade level's Science curriculum and the Georgia Standards of Excellence

## MATH:

### Eureka Workbooks.....\$15,342

Math manipulatives, consumables, workbooks and "hands-on" tools to support the Common Core Curriculum, Math Exemplars, Eureka Math, the APS math program. **Grades: All**

## TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: \$65,688



## TALENT AND MANAGEMENT



**The SSEF is committed to supporting faculty development opportunities that encourage teaching innovation and excellence. Investments in this area include a focus on improving teacher efficacy in International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.**

.....

### **Classroom Investment Funds.....\$21,229**

With the goal of enhancing the teaching environment at SRS, the SSEF provides a \$300 check to every full-time teacher to purchase individualized classroom supplies in support of the curriculum.

**Grades: All**

### **International Baccalaureate Training.....\$17,285**

SSEF provides funds for teachers to attend IB training and development opportunities. **Grades: All**

### **Teacher Training, Enrichment & Grants.....\$1,134**

SSEF funds are available for teachers to attend training in the following areas: Foundations, Fountas and Pinnell reading and writing, Dual Immersion, and GATE. **Grades: All**

**TOTAL TALENT & MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS: \$39,648**



The Sarah Smith Education Foundation has played a pivotal role in shaping my classroom over the years. I have had the opportunity to attend various training sessions such as IB and Fountas and Pinnell. Along with that, instructional support tools such as leveled libraries have helped to tailor our lessons to individual students' needs. Lastly, the foundation has been there for the changing landscape of education, helping us make sure students have the technology, resources and supplies to help them all continue to reach their full potential.

**- Chaundra Yarbrough, 3rd grade teacher & SRS Parent**



## CULTURE



**The SSEF strives to foster and support a positive, informed and engaged school culture and community.**

.....

IT Week: The International Travelers Program is a week-long classroom immersion in the culture, history, and language of a foreign country. The program, which is unique to Sarah Smith, is a collaboration among dedicated parent volunteers, teachers and administrators and “transports” the school to a new country every year. **Grades: All**

**TOTAL CULTURE: \$1,800**

## SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES

The SSEF invests to build systems and resources to support IB, Language implementation and ESOL community support.



### Dual Immersion .....\$1,847

Funds provide classroom materials and supplies in English and Spanish to support the fidelity of program implementation for the dual immersion Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Additionally, funds support professional learning for the teachers. **Grades: All**

### International Baccalaureate Inquiry Materials, Resources, Dues &

### Programming Fees.....\$9,547

SRS was first awarded IB status in 2006. The IB program encourages students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals, and engaged world citizens. This program impacts the whole curriculum at SRS as this instructional philosophy permeates all facets of our instructional programming. IB teaches each student essential skills for learning and becoming a productive global citizen. SSEF funds pay for inquiry materials for each grade, and for required development and training of teachers and for programming fees and dues.

**Grades: All**

### TOTAL SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES: \$11,394

# Total SSEF 2021/2022 Investment ★\$118,530★



“My wife, Rachel, and I are grateful our daughters’ school has the Sarah Smith Education Foundation. We donate to SSEF because the money raised is used to enhance the educational experiences and outcomes for our girls and their classmates. Through SSEF funding, Sarah Smith students have the benefit of learning from teachers who have received top notch training, of participating in science and technology in-house field trips, of receiving extra math manipulatives, and so much more. We are thankful for the wonderful education our children receive at Sarah Smith, and we feel so lucky that our school has the SSEF to support and enrich their experience.

- Ben Miller, SRS Parent



## DONORS

Thank you for supporting the quality of education at Sarah Smith. Your contributions help to maintain the high level of educational excellence that we have all come to expect at Sarah Smith.

★ Parent, Faculty and Community Donors contributed \$153,090 to our fundraising in 2021 / 2022.

★ **SUPER STAR**  
**(\$5,000-10,000)**

Barron and Katy Barnes  
Amber & Jarett Sappington  
Kathy and Pat Stevens  
Kristine & Dan Whigham

★ **SHINING STAR**  
**(\$2,500-4,999)**

Leticia Socal da Silva and  
Mathieu Bradier  
Jennifer and Blair Brookins  
Angie Calderwood  
Brian and Tiffany Calloway  
John and Kate Hays  
Charles and Rachel Howell  
Matt and Courtney Schickel  
Sheryl and Philip Wait  
Tatiana Goldstein and  
Guillermo Wasserman  
Branston & Sarah Williams

★ **GOLD STAR**  
**(\$1,250-2,499)**

John and Kay Alexander  
Mary & Alan Anderson  
Carmen and Jason Chartrand  
Alex Bernhardt and  
Annabel Doust  
Anna and Robert Erickson

The Fahrni Family  
Monica & Gary Gastel  
JC & Christina Gonzalez  
Anita Rajendra & Vinay Gowda  
Jennifer & Bryan Heller  
Kyle and Amy Johns  
Joel and Annie May  
Rachel and Ben Miller  
The Mintman Family  
Tania Rosales and Jeff  
Moomaw  
Brent & Doug Munster  
Steve and Melissa Nowak  
Marijane Sanders  
Amit & Alexis Singh  
Nina and Todd Sprinkle  
Barbara and Les Steiger  
Brian and Alison Strok  
Elizabeth and Clay Zielinski

★ **SILVER STAR**  
**(\$500-1,249)**

Sharie and Lou Bassett  
Emily Boatright  
Bradley Brod  
The Cunliffes  
Joann Drago  
The Ferreri Family  
David & Alison Graham

Jeni & Chip Guy  
Erik, Kate & Libby Johnson  
Sean & Camila Knowles  
Kristina & Mc Alea Lemene  
The Meihofer Family  
Jenny & Lutao Ning  
Betsy and Brett Pomerantz  
Lee Anne Sapp  
Erik and Carrie Viberg  
The Weitz Family  
Renee Wilkerson-Brown  
Tony and Lizzi Winter  
Michael Yochelson

★ **STAR (\$1-499)**

L. Anita Cone-Sullivan / Paris  
Cone-Sullivan / Eric Sullivan  
Caycee and Brian Graham  
Chien Family  
Christian & Tracy Soult  
Leanne Hussion  
Maria Cloud

★ **FACULTY &  
ADMINISTRATION**

Patrick Almand  
Ashley Barnett  
Melissa Baublitz  
John Blackwell  
Ellie Boydston



Aunjeanette Brown  
Dara Campbell  
Kassandra Carlucci  
Chiesa Carter  
Holly Kent Chlopecka  
Katy Corley  
Kendall Coskrey  
Michele Culbertson  
Dominique Dowell  
Sue Ellis  
Donna Fialkowski  
Christina Gullett  
Courtlyn Harrison  
Jessica Harron  
Crystal Hollaway  
Jonathon Huber

Rachel Jones  
Becky Landes  
Christie Lee  
Karla Lewis  
Becky Massey  
Juliet Matula  
Deborah McClain  
LaTonia McDaniels  
Alejandro Mendez  
Susan Moccia  
Sara Moore  
Bejay Osby  
Barb Perlin  
Sheniqua Pierce  
Portee Family  
Sherry Thurston Riley

Claudia Rocabado  
Eudys Sanchez  
Stacie Savage  
Susan Spence  
Daniel Sprague  
Prissy Stewart  
Janice Throckmorton  
Marcia Twiggs  
Ashley Upshaw  
Korrey Walford  
Paula Webb  
Latifah Williams  
LaTrenda Willis  
Lauren E Wilson  
Cathy Wright

## CORPORATE DONORS

### ★ 5 STAR SUPPORTERS \$2,500+

Brookhaven Orthodontics  
Elite Smiles (Dr. Sebastian)  
Eurovision Designs  
Learning Express  
Moody Williams orthodontist  
Southern Bistro

### ★ 4 STAR SUPPORTERS \$1,000+

Brookhaven Children's Dentistry  
Kazoo Toys  
Knuckle Up Fitness  
Kona Ice  
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt  
Pink Barre  
The Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian  
The Wing Factory  
Total Row  
Willy's Mexicans Grill

### ★ 3 STAR SUPPORTERS \$250+

Batter Cookie Dough  
Bespoke tutoring  
Northside Yard Cards  
Pig-n-Chik  
Sheryl Wait DMD  
Southern Baked Pie Company  
Sprong  
TCBY  
Willie Jewell's Old School Bar -B -Q

# Thank You For Your Donations!

Please go to [www.atlantapublicschools.us/ssef](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/ssef)  
to donate for the 2022-2023 school year.

Donation levels reflect actual donations/pledges received as of 06/30/2022.  
Corporate matching gifts are included upon receipt. We strive for accuracy;  
however, please inform us of any errors.

## Board of Directors 2021 – 2022

Chair – Kathy Stevens

President & Director of Curriculum Management – Katy Barnes

Director of Curriculum Management Elect – Alison Strok

Secretary – Kay Alexander

Co Treasurer – Matt Schickel

Co Treasurer – James Hill

Director of Corporate Sponsorships – Sheryl Wait

Director of Corporate Sponsorships Elect – Guy Parker

Retail Bonus – Tiffany Calloway

Annual Campaign Chair – Kristine Whigham

Annual Campaign Chair Elect – Jeni Guy

Marketing and Communications – Kirsten Fionte

Marketing and Communications Elect – Anita Rajendra

Database Manager – Alison Graham

Auction Chair – Barbara Steiger

Auction Chair – Jen Heller

Principal – Emily Boatright

Faculty Liaisons – Michele Culbertson & Dominique Dowell

.....

If you need a copy of this document in a language other than English, please call the following number: 404.802.7580.

Translation/Interpreter and other related services are also available upon request.

### Spanish

Si usted necesita una copia de este documento en un idioma distinto del Inglés, por favor llame al siguiente número: 404.802.7580. Traducción/interpretación y otros servicios también están disponibles bajo petición.

### French

Si vous avez besoin d'une copie de ce document dans une langue autre que l'anglais, s'il vous plaît appeler le numéro suivant: 404.802.7580. Traduction/interprétation et d'autres services connexes sont également disponibles sur demande.

### Mandarin

如果您需要此文檔的副本英語以外的語言，請撥打以下號碼: 404.802.7580。翻譯/口譯等相關服務也可應要求提供。

