



# Wiseburn Education Foundation

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## WEF Working to Enhance Our Children's Education

The Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF) is a growing, non-profit organization founded in 1993 to supplement reduced state funding for educational programs in the Wiseburn School District.

WEF is striving to enhance our students' education and development on a district-wide basis. Through charitable contributions, fundraisers and grants, we support our schools and add supplemental programs to make our children's educational experience the best it can be.

## The Need Continues...

California's ongoing budget crisis continues to make the need for supplementary funds increasingly vital. California's expenditures on education continue to be well below the United States average. California was ranked 5th in the nation in per-pupil spending in 1980. By 1997-98, California ranked 37th in the nation, but fell to 50th in per pupil spending for music, libraries, and counseling.

More recently, and even more severely, to help balance the budget between last year and this year, more than \$3.1 billion was cut from our public schools. The Wiseburn Education Foundation (and YOU!) can help.

## WEF Listens and Will Focus its Resources on Fine Arts

In response to recent surveys, the WSD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Don Brann piloted a vocal instruction program for fourth and fifth graders at the end of the last school year. The positive response from students, teachers and parents was overwhelming.

WEF has committed funds for the district to continue, as well as expand the program for the 2003/2004 school year to include all 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders, as part of an overall goal to bring music and the arts back to the district.

The school district cannot provide this program without additional funds. Therefore, to assure this program continues well into the future, WEF is pledging to raise more than \$50,000 this year for our students Fine Arts Program and we need everyone's help.

Music is more than just fun; it's critical to learning. Studies show music helps students in self-esteem, math, spatial relations, concentration, studying and more. In fact, a study by the National Association for Music Education shows that last year, students who received music education scored an average of 41 points higher on SAT math and verbal tests than students who received no music instruction. Let's give Wiseburn students that same opportunity!

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## A Tribute to Our Contributors ...

Sincere thanks go to **Honeywell International and Bill Mason** for their generous contribution of \$5,000. Mr. Mason and Honeywell have been long-time supporters of the district and we again extend our tremendous appreciation for their generosity.

**South Bay Ford** has donated nearly \$6,000 to the Wiseburn Education Foundation through a new and used car sales promotion. For each vehicle purchased by a Hawthorne resident, South Bay Ford donated \$100 to Hawthorne-area schools.

## A New South Bay Ford Challenge....

Beginning in September, South Bay Ford will donate \$500 for every new or used car sold to any individual who brings in the promotional flyer (watch for more information) and who designates Wiseburn as the beneficiary. If you, or someone you know, are considering buying a car in the near future, head over to South Bay Ford, make your best deal, and THEN hand them the flyer to generate a \$500 contribution for our students. Thanks again to **Gary Premaux, Cindy Palm**, and the generous South Bay Ford team.

For more information, contact South Bay Ford at 310-706-6000. Ask for Don Barth or George Yousef.



For more information or to get involved, call Neil Goldman @ 310-643-5910, or call Julie at the Wiseburn District Office at 310-643-3025.

\_\_\_ I would like to make a contribution of time and help support the efforts of the WEF.

*(Please provide contact information below.)*

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## Match Made by Boeing

Also exciting are the efforts of **Jill Durkee-Burgoyne**, and other employees at **Boeing** (BSS NSP), who are conducting a campaign to raise funds to support the science and math departments at Dana Middle School through the WEF.

We thank Jill and Boeing (BSS NSP located within the Wiseburn School District boundaries) who, together, through a matching gift program have raised over \$800.

## Need More Information on WEF...

Want to find out more about the Wiseburn Education Foundation? Does your employer have a matching funds program? Please contact the WEF through the Wiseburn School District office at 13535 Aviation Blvd. Hawthorne, 90250, or contact us by email at [ngold1@aol.com](mailto:ngold1@aol.com) or [mtoddaawc@earthlink.net](mailto:mtoddaawc@earthlink.net).

## How you can Help?

Contribute to our efforts with either your personal involvement and/or a financial contribution. Your donation helps make our schools the best they can be.

Thank you for your support!