# HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION

The District 156 Foundation was created in 1993 to enrich the learning experiences in McHenry High School. A private, non-profit corporation, it is governed by a board of directors independent from the school board. Volunteers direct the work of the Foundation, donating their time, energy, and resources so that our students may benefit from every available advantage in the classroom and their extra-curriculars. The District 156 Foundation is a 501 (C)(3) tax exempt organization.

## **WHO WE ARE**

The Foundation is made up of a diverse group of individuals from the school and business communities, many who are past graduates of McHenry High School. Its members are dedicated to raising funds and collaborate as a group in order to determine where the funds can have the greatest impact on the students of McHenry High School.



GOALS

The Foundation has THREE areas of emphasis:

- Provide financial support for students
- Enhance educational innovation and extra-curricular opportunities
- Foster partnerships that support the MCHS Foundation

You can find us on the MCHS District website: <u>DIST156</u>

## **WAYS TO DONATE**

Checks can be made payable to: McHenry Community High School District #156 Foundation, Inc.





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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **PRESIDENT** Rvan Lav

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## OUR PHILOSPHY / MISSION

The McHenry High School District 156 Foundation exists to obtain funding to provide financial support to students, enhance educational opportunities, and encourage innovation and scholastic achievement. The Foundation will fund annual scholarships and innovative educational programs that inspire and motivate our students.



### THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING



Like many school district around the country, McHenry High School District 156 continues to experience increasing educational needs and cannot be solely dependent on local, state, and federal tax revenues.

Alternative funding sources help to provide our students with comprehensive and future-focused educational programs. To address the increasing costs of advancements and support material, as well as support students with financial needs, the McHenry Community High School Foundation was established.

The financial support of alumni, parents, and friends of the McHenry Community High Schools has become increasingly important. In order to thrive, we need your help.

## **BUSINESS GIFTS**

Businesses can make gifts to the Foundation and receive tax deductions as well. If you own a business, you may wish to consider establishing a permanent endowment in the business or company name ... a way to benefit education and positively impact your tax situation.

## MATCHING GIFTS

If you are an employee, spouse, or a participating retiree of a company with a Matching Gifts Program, a gift to the McHenry Community High School Foundation may qualify to be matched by your company. Check with your employer's personnel or benefits office.

## **SUPPORT**

All Foundations rely heavily on the support of the many friends, alumni, and community who generously give. Your tax deductible contribution, in any amount, will be very much appreciated and **used carefully to further educational goals beyond what the District provides.** 





"Community Supporting Excellence"



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