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Dear GPFPE Supporters:

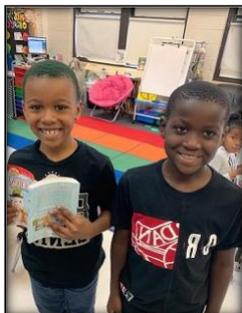
We hope you and your family and friends are safe and well during these trying times. As an important supporter of GPFPE we would like to keep you up to date and informed of our work on behalf of the students and families of our community. Normally at this time of year, we would be sharing photos and fundraising results from another fun and successful Spring Gala. But while we have to keep our physical distance, please know that you are in our thoughts and that our work at the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education continues.

Like many other organizations, we have had to adjust to respond to the Covid-19 crisis. We made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Spring Gala, which is always a wonderful opportunity to gather with our friends and supporters and share our successes; and is also our largest fundraiser every year, affording us the ability to support important programming and initiatives throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Please mark your calendar for April 10, 2021 for our next Spring Gala. We have contacted all those who were generously supporting the 2020 Gala as a sponsor, host committee member, auction item donor or otherwise, and we are looking forward to their continued support. We are especially pleased that JT Mestdagh will remain as our Honorary Chair and are looking forward to the opportunity to celebrate JT and his many accomplishments; especially his role in bringing the F.A.S.T. reading program to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, which has positively impacted countless students.

Despite the cancellation of our annual fundraiser, GPFPE remains committed to supporting the students and teachers of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. We recently announced close to \$26,000 in Spring 2020 grants, with a focus on helping our elementary students transition to middle school:

- Blown Fuses Robotics Team (Grades 6-8) - Parcels Middle School
- Worry Free Change (Grades 2-5) - Poupard Elementary School
- New Sensory Room Equipment (Grades 5-8) - Brownell Middle School
- Bungee Frog Swing (Grades 5-8) - Pierce Middle School
- Win Win on Middle School Playground (Grades 5-8) - Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools
- All Girls Robotics Team (Grades 6-8) - Pierce Middle School



Furthermore, our long-term *Leader in Me* grant based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, is more important than ever for our elementary students, staff, and families as they learn how to cope with staying home and learning during this crisis. You can find out more about our programs and grants at our website, gpfpe.org, or @TheGPFPE on Facebook and Instagram.

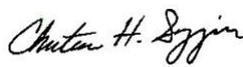
The GPFPE remains committed to supporting our students and educators as they navigate this new learning environment. Because of your continued support, we can consistently fund extraordinary educational opportunities for our children and we thank you for keeping the GPFPE as a priority when you are deciding where to donate your dollars.

Whatever format our schools take in the coming months and years, our focus will always remain on the students and we will continue to look for innovative and timely ways to provide assistance within our schools. As Mason Elementary Principal, Roy Bishop, reminded his students recently, using a lesson from the *Leader in Me* program, "We won't let what we cannot do interfere with what we CAN DO."

Thank you again very much for your support and we wish for your continued health and safety.



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Breaking News!

The GPFPE is pleased to announce that we were just awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan through the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Funds endowment. This grant was awarded from the Ralph C. Wilson Fund for Grosse Pointe Community Assets, recognizing the GPFPE's established and essential role in our community. Thank you to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and the Ralph C. Wilson Fund for this grant!