

Dear CAEF Supporters,

Thank you, to everyone that made the past year better for our community. If you're like me, you had hoped 2021 would be better than 2020. In some ways it was. As a district, we were able to increase in-person learning and better navigate the ever-changing learning environment that challenges our students. As a foundation, CAEF continued to provide consistent funding that enriched the Centennial area education experience for many families and students by working directly with donors and district staff to find creative funding solutions the district could not do on their own.

As president of CAEF, I am very proud of the commitment our donors, board members, and volunteers made in 2021 to bring new events and funding into the district. We had wonderful donors that continued to support us and ask how they could help. We had amazing district staff facilitate programs that donors wanted to support. Just one example is a fully donor-funded tutoring program that continues to support local students in need. CAEF is always happy to be that bridge between donors that want to help and finding a program or need that fits the donor's passion.

Our board and volunteers did a great job launching our first Golf Tournament that will now be an annual event offering an opportunity to make community-giving more fun and engaging. I'm very grateful for our new POC Co-Chairs, Talia and Lucretia, and all the POC members for their continued support and additional funding for educational programming. We hosted smaller events and partnered with other great organizations in our area as well. Our investment committee did an excellent job of directing us to be good financial stewards of existing funds while maximizing revenue with smart financial decisions.

All of this working together is what allowed CAEF to maintain course and continue supporting the community with no drop off in funding in spite of having canceled our largest fundraiser, the annual GALA, for the second consecutive year. Our 2021 Year-In-Review is available below.

Now looking to 2022. What a year it will be! We'll continue to push and strive for excellence this year. We are working on a new giving platform to make giving easier and more accessible to everyone. We are excited to have a new superintendent and look forward to working together on ways we can assist the district. Our organization is poised for growth and prepared to bring new donor funded programs to Centennial Schools. We are always looking for creative solutions and our partnership with our district's administration helps us accomplish great things when funding becomes available. If you have the desire to find out how to get a program started, contact us we're happy to help.

Looking ahead, please join us for our up-coming events. We're bringing back the CAEF GALA planned for April 9th, 2022 and get ready for our Second Annual Golf Tournament in July. I am excited about the opportunities ahead and I hope you are too!



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CAEF President