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May Newsletter



Success Story

VIDEO: How Play Every Day is Creating Equity and Opportunity in Mr. Kersten's PE Classroom

Lake View Elementary PE teacher James Kersten [shares](#) how a gift through the Madison Public Schools Foundation's Play Every Day campaign augments his physical education equipment supply. Access to scooters, rollerblades, and stacking cups creates equity in his classroom and facilitates movement throughout the school day. Access to scooters, rollerblades, and stacking cups creates equity in his classroom and facilitates movement throughout the school day. It's been proven that when kids are active their overall health and well-being improve, and their ability to focus in the classroom increases.

Watch the Video



Currently, we are 70% of the way to our \$250,000 fundraising goal for the [Play Every Day](#) campaign! All 52 MMSD schools have received spending budgets and are making PE and recess equipment purchases. With your help, we can do even more!

[Donate Now to Play Every Day](#)

Event Recap

2023 Schools Make Madison Summit Educates Community; Inspires Action

The first annual [Schools Make Madison Summit](#) was presented by the Madison Public Schools Foundation and brought out nearly 150 community advocates to Thermo Fisher Scientific's campus. The goal for the morning was to educate, collaborate and inspire action around creating systems of support and opportunity for our MMSD students. Attendees heard from educators, and business and community leaders on the significance of K12 public schools to our community and regional economy, and from current Adopt- a-School partners about the difference they're making through their involvement with our schools and students.

Check out our event recap for the highlights, key takeaways, and community calls-to-action from the morning.



**See the Highlights from the
2023 Schools Make Madison Summit**

A Call for Support

25 Schools Seek Adopt-a-School Partners

All told, 69 [Adopt-a-School](#) partners invested \$445,986 in financial, material, and volunteer hours in our schools in the 2022-23 school year. As another great school year comes to a close and an even better one lies ahead, we are asking for the community's help in ensuring all 52 of our schools are able to enjoy the support of an Adopt-a-School Partner.

Would your organization be open to adopting one of the following schools?

Contact [Mary Bartzen](#) for more information.

Allis Elementary · Black Hawk Middle · Chavez Elementary
Crestwood Elementary · Elvehjem Elementary · Emerson Elementary
Gompers Elementary · Henderson Elementary · Huegel Elementary
La Follette High · Lowell Elementary · Mendota Elementary
Muir Elementary · Nuestro Mundo · O'Keeffe Middle · Olson Elementary
Orchard Ridge Elementary · Shabazz City High
Shorewood Hills Elementary · Spring Harbor Middle · Stephens Elementary
Toki Middle · Van Hise Elementary · West High · Whitehorse Middle

**Learn More About Becoming an
Adopt-a-School Partner**

Schools Make Madison

Advocating for Our Students



Guest Post:
MPSF Board Member, Beth Goeddel, on why we need to increase funding for our public schools now.

"We cannot leave our state's future to chance. Wisconsin's education funding is sorely inadequate, capped by an outdated model established 30 years ago. Think about how much has changed in the last 30 years! Think about how much inflation has changed our lives in the last two years alone. We are woefully behind."



Educators, students, parents show support for Gov. Evers' budget at WEAC rally

Thank you to Bob Baxter, Peggy Wirtz-Olsen, and our friends at WEAC for organizing Saturday's rally to fight for greater investment in Wisconsin public K-12 education. We're proud to be a reliable partner in this work, tirelessly advocating for the resources and the schools our kids deserve.

Reach out now to your legislator and tell them you want their full support of Governor Evers' education budget!

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In Gratitude

Our Sponsors Drive Community Change

Thanks to strong support from [corporate partners](#) who share our commitment to public education, we have evolved from providing nominal classroom grants to more equitable, reliable financial support for all 52 Madison schools. This month, we're recognizing our Visionary Sponsors who have committed a gift of \$25,000+ this year.

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Visionary Sponsor Spotlight: Madison Gas and Electric (MGE)

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) generates and distributes electricity to 159,000 customers in Dane County and purchases and distributes natural gas to 169,000 customers in seven south-central and western Wisconsin counties. MGE's roots in the Madison area date back more than 150 years. As Madison's energy company, they are committed to improving the quality of life for all who live and work in this great city. Thank you to MGE for their ongoing support of the Foundation!



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Your gift makes our work possible.

Please join us in our efforts to champion and support our public schools and strengthen our community!

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