

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2024-2025

Academic Year

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#### INTRODUCTION

Each year, the Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF) reflects on the progress we've made and the lives we've touched. The 2024–2025 school year was no exception—thanks to our generous supporters, passionate educators, and dedicated community, we continued to expand opportunities and ignite potential in every corner of Perry Township schools. This Impact Report captures the stories, numbers, and milestones that define our shared commitment to educational excellence. From innovative classroom grants to student enrichment programs, PTEF remains a steadfast partner in ensuring that every student has access to the tools and experiences that inspire learning and success.

#### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Perry Township Education Foundation is to support innovation and excellence in education for the students and teachers of Perry Township Schools. We believe in empowering educators, enriching classrooms, and encouraging lifelong learning through strategic investments and community partnerships.







#### Why are we doing it?

Students engaged in creative projects report greater critical thinking, problem solving, and conceptual understanding.

### OUR 2025 BOARD

The PTEF board members volunteer because of a desire to make a positive impact on their community, contribute their skills and experience, and find fulfillment in serving a cause they believe in.



Dustin Hite -Board President



Delvan Roehling -Treasurer



Monica Ponce -Secretary



Chuck Stumpf -Founding Board Member



Megan Buehler -Board Member



Andy May -Board Member



Jim Sullivan -Board Member



Jason Bratina -Board Member



Dr. Patrick Spray -Superintendent



Kevin Koontz - Education Representative

## OUR STORY SO FAR

In Perry Township, many classrooms face limited resources to support creative and engaging instruction. Teachers often seek ways to enhance student learning through hands-on projects, technology integration, and enrichment experiences—but without adequate funding, these ideas remain unrealized.

At PTEF, we see the opportunity gap that exists between vision and reality—and we are committed to bridging it. Our mission is rooted in equity and innovation, ensuring every student, regardless of background, has access to exceptional educational opportunities.

**87%** 

of teachers in the U.S.
reported that
innovative teaching
projects helped
students develop realworld skills.\*

\*DOE 2023 stats

PTEF initiatives:
IMPACT Grants -\$25,000
Library Grant - \$3,000
Food Insecurities Grant - \$5,000
STEM Grants - \$3,500
Helping Hand Grants - \$30,000
Special Projects - \$12,000
Youth Sports - \$2,000
Scholarships - \$11,000
Endowment Grants - \$8,000

Teachers Treasures - \$1,500

#### **Empowering Educators, Enriching Classrooms**

We invest in projects and initiatives that directly support student achievement and teacher innovation, including:

**Classroom and Teacher Grants** – Awarded for creative learning projects, STEM initiatives, and culturally responsive teaching.

**Professional Development Support** – Helping educators grow their skills through workshops, conferences, and training.

**Community Engagement Programs** – Events and campaigns that build connections between schools and local stakeholders.

**Student Enrichment Opportunities** – Supporting field trips, guest speakers, and extracurricular learning experiences.

**Teachers Treasures Memberships** - All new teachers receive a one year sponsored membership.

Each initiative is designed with input from educators and administrators to ensure alignment with district goals and student needs.

This isn't an all inclusive list and many other support is provided all year long.

## OUR 2025 GOALS

Our funds are designed to provide equity by providing resources, opportunities, and support where they are most needed. Whether it's through scholarships, grants for innovative teaching, or programs that connect students with mentors and role models who share their backgrounds, we are committed to creating pathways to success for every student.

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The Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF) is committed to ensuring that language is never a barrier for community members to engage in our programs and services. Recognizing the diverse linguistic landscape of our community, we are taking steps to make our offerings accessible to non-English speakers.

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Expand Grant Funding: Increase grant funding by 15% through the development of new corporate partnerships to ensure broader reach and support for educational initiatives.

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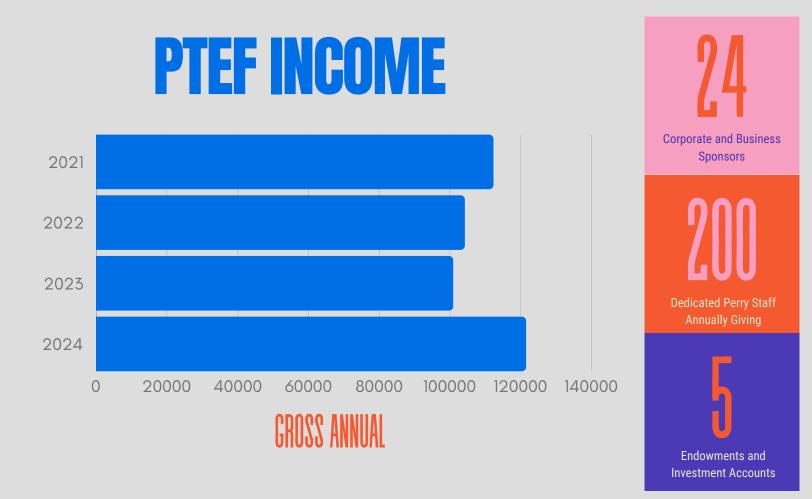
Launch Mentorship Network: Establish a mentorship program specifically designed to assist first-time grant applicants, fostering confidence and providing guidance throughout the application process. 4

Pilot Student-Led Mini-Grants: Introduce student-led mini-grants aimed at promoting leadership and innovation among high school students, empowering them to take an active role in shaping their educational experiences.





The Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF) receives its funding through a diverse mix of sources, including endowments that provide long-term financial stability and community-led fundraisers that engage local support. Sponsors from businesses and organizations contribute valuable resources, while individual donors play a vital role through one-time or recurring gifts. Additional funding comes from the sale of memorial bricks, which allow donors to honor loved ones, and through planned giving options that let supporters leave a lasting legacy. Together, these funding streams help PTEF invest in innovative educational opportunities for Perry Township students.



PTEF is on track to increase its gross income by 10% in 2025, a positive indicator of growth and community support. However, like many nonprofits, we continue to face fundraising challenges in an evolving landscape. To address this, we are actively analyzing our current strategies and exploring the most effective methods to raise funds. These efforts are focused on increasing long-term sustainability, ensuring we can continue to support innovative programs and opportunities for Perry Township students.

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**Programs Supported** 

## \$100,000

Grants, Scholarship, Donations, Sponsorships Awarded



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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