



**Palos 118 Educational
Foundation**
www.palos118.org

Mission Statement:

The Palos 118 Education Foundation is a not for profit organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of superior educational opportunities for the students of Palos Community Consolidated School District 118.

Beliefs:

The Foundation is an advocate of excellence in public education through long-term community partnerships and resources.

Goals:

The Foundation strives to expand the educational mission of the District by providing financing beyond the means of conventional public funding and by fostering long-term community partnerships.

The Foundation is an "exempt organization" within the meaning of Section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and is also registered with the State of Illinois Attorney General Office's Charitable Trust Bureau. All Foundation Board members serve without remuneration.



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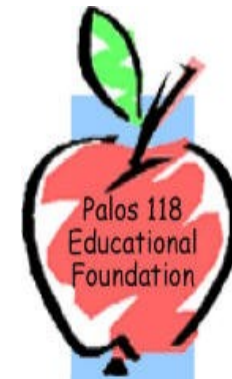
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We have an opportunity to provide our children with the necessary skills and tools for a future beyond our imagination.

**Funding
Unfunded
Needs**

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION:

The Foundation was formed by a group of parents, board members and administrators. It was incorporated on August 28, 1998. The founders envisioned an organization that would raise funds to enrich the District's facilities and enhance its programs. Equally important, the group wished to serve as liaison to the larger community. Their goal was to provide information about the accomplishments of the district and to promote exceptional educational opportunities for students.

WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION?

-To select unfunded school projects (in consultation with the school district): funding of these projects to be secured through fundraisers, corporate and private contributions, state and local governmental support.

-To sponsor events such as Laps for Literature, an annual fall student pledge walk benefiting the three media centers with books, software and supplies. (In 2004 a total of \$9900 was raised.)
-To gratefully receive yearly supporting member donations from parents at school registration.
-To participate in community events such as the Taste of Palos and the District's Back-to-School Picnic.

WHY THE NEED TO RAISE MONEY?

District 118 relies on federal, state and local funding to pay for its programs. Like most school districts across the state of Illinois, income from federal and state governments has dwindled. The Foundation's goal is to provide monetary support for sustaining District 118's exceptional schools.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

The Palos South Media Center Renewal Project

Dedicated in January 2002

End Result: "Inquiry Zone" with new furnishings, technology, books, expanded computer labs and a reading suite at the middle school. Foundation



Activities: A capital campaign project and book shower raised: \$250,000*

Playground Renewal for Palos West and Palos East Schools

Dedicated in the Spring of 2004

End Result: Fully equipped state of the art playgrounds at both elementary schools.



Foundation Activities: Dinner dance held in 2002 in "Celebration of 160 years of Pursuing Educational Excellence" in School District 118 & a

month long celebration of the McCord House featuring a "Designer Showcase" held in conjunction with the Palos Fine Arts council. Total raised: \$350,000*\$350,000*

Equipping the Science Labs at all Schools

Dedicated in September 2006

- Science labs at Palos East and Palos West Schools for 4th & 5th grades, fully equipped and designed with adequate space for students' projects.

THE PRESENT PROJECT: EQUIPPING THE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY LAB AT PALOS SOUTH

VISION FOR THE PROJECT:

In the applied technology lab, there will be hands-on, interactive, multimedia activities that bring advanced concepts to life in technology, math, science, written communication and language arts, using video, text, graphics, and animations, while student comprehension is assessed and recorded.

TOTAL PROJECTED COST:
\$150,000



"Imagine a learning environment where all students are empowered to take responsibility for their own learning, while practicing valuable skills like teamwork and communication".

-Dr. Rosemarie Carroll

Donations in memory of Dr. Rosemarie Carroll can be made to the Dr. Rosemarie Carroll Memorial Fund % Palos 118 Educational Foundation.

Events for our current project included: and The Phantom Ball.

**THE FOUNDATION WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT 118. THE PARENT FACULTY ASSOC., PARENTS AND TEACHERS, LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE SPONSORS AND FRIENDS. WE WISH TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO THEM ALL.*