

In California, public school funding is complicated and mostly inadequate. It has become evident that without additional funding for enrichment, some children will never receive the level of education and support necessary to inspire them to learn and do something wonderful with their lives.

For some public schools, parents and school communities have become a financial safety net, while others simply do not receive the support they need. Five years ago, members of the MDUSD community – including parents, teachers and school board members – organized the MDUSD Education Foundation ("MDEDF") to take action and raise funds to support all MDUSD students. Our goal is to fund STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) programs and enrichment for MDUSD students, and to address some inequities in educational opportunities.

We fundraise annually by reaching out to businesses, parents and community members. Education comes in many forms, and programs that we have funded include:

- Mystery Science (science)
- Mosa Mack (science)
- Gizmos (science)
- Bridges (math enrichment)
- Art in Action (hands-on common core-aligned art)
- Young Audiences of Northern California (integrated art curriculum)
- Bay Area Urban Debate League (competitive debate)
- Garden Education Program/Growing Healthy Kids (outdoor education, science)
- Robotics (science and engineering)
- Chabot Space and Science (field trip and program)
- Exploring New Horizons (outdoor education, oceans & tide pool curriculum)

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