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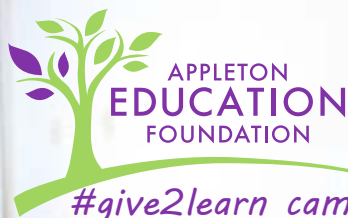
On the cover: Appleton East educator Dan Van Sickle received a grant to facilitate a book study with colleagues at East. More than 20 staff members signed up to participate. "The Will to Learn" by Dave Stuart Jr. is about boosting student motivation. Appleton East — and ASD overall — will reap the benefits of this professional development opportunity. An additional grant was awarded to support the author's visit to Appleton in August 2025, where he will speak to all high school educators on August 29. In 2024, more than \$9,000 was awarded to support professional development for Appleton educators. An additional \$5,000 has been awarded in 2025. We believe educators who feel valued and emboldened are vital to student success.

#give2learn Campaign Committee

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LEARN. GROW. THRIVE.

Vision: In our community, all students learn, grow, and thrive.



Mission: We raise and direct private funds to strengthen and enhance education in our community.

We believe:

- Stewarding charitable gifts entrusted to the Foundation by generous donors is our greatest responsibility.
- Effective grants empower Appleton educators to innovate, as we recognize that educators who feel valued and emboldened are vital to student success.
- Strong partnerships with AASD staff, retirees, alumni, and the greater community contribute to a strong public education system and a vibrant community.

Your current **#give2learn** commitment:

Last name, First

School/Department: XXXXXX

Current giving per pay period: \$XX.XX

	Your Amount	Payroll Deduction	x24 for impact	<u>Real</u> grant example!
	1 soda	\$2	\$48	Set of Boomwhackers for elementary students to work and perform together.
	1 latte	\$4	\$96	Read-aloud books re: sportsmanship, perseverance, and hygiene to be used at the end of elementary phy. ed. classes.
	1 glass of wine	\$6.50	\$156	Math games to help students build confidence and develop math fluency.

An investment in AEF is an investment in AASD staff and students

Increased resources for four competitive grant cycles. 2025-26 deadlines: Tuesdays Sept. 6, Nov. 4, Feb. 3, May 5.



Support for Big Idea Grants (BIGs). BIGs are intended to have a transformational impact across multiple grades and/or schools.

Piloting the Educators' Resource Fund at four schools in 2025-26, with plans to expand across AASD in 2026-27.



Two ways to join or increase your commitment:

1. Log into the AASD Skyward employee portal, click the AEF Deduction tile, and enter your commitment per pay period **-OR-**
2. Complete and return the enclosed envelope via school mail.

\$95,000 awarded to AASD for elementary Regulation Toolkits

AEF awarded its largest project grant over the summer to provide a Regulation Toolkit for each kindergarten to 5th-grade learning space in AASD.

The grant follows many years of funding smaller grants for sensory items, one classroom at a time. AEF asked AASD to propose a solution to help all elementary students and this is the result!

This Big Idea Grant will be in full swing this fall. Learn more in AEF's blog.

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