

FOUNDATION REPORT



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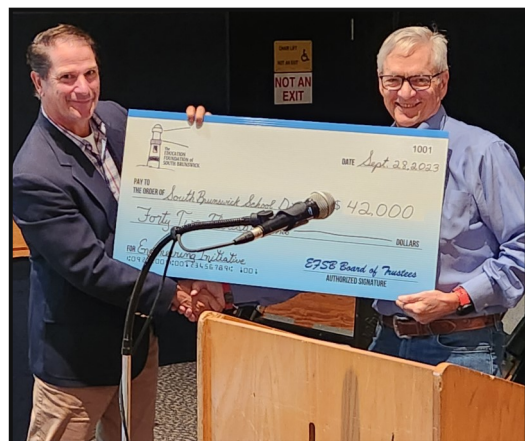
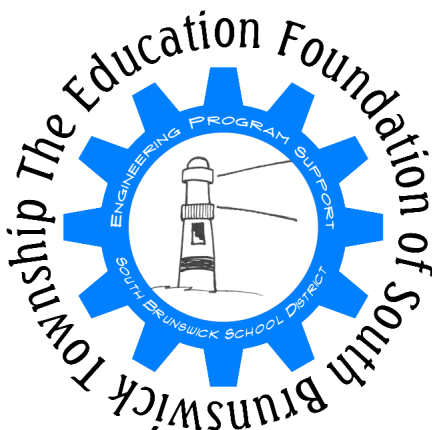
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THE ED. FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$42,000 GRANT FOR DISTRICT ENGINEERING INITIATIVE

On September 28, 2023, the Education Foundation presented the South Brunswick Board of Education its largest grant to date, \$42,000, to help fund the District's "Hands On Engineering Initiative".

The key objective of the "Engineering Initiative" is to infuse engineering into the mainstream K-12 curriculum, not merely as an extracurricular activity or elective course.

The initiative will help build awareness of engineering and the many fields of study it covers. The initial phase will focus on increasing access and equipment at both the high school and middle schools. Eventually, the District will scale-up the program to include engineering curriculum for grades K-5, impacting all students that attend the South Brunswick School District.



David Pawlowski (District Business Administrator) accepts "Engineering Initiative" grant from Martin Abschutz (EFSB President)

According to Scott Feder, SBSD Superintendent of Schools, "The District's long-range vision is to bring the engineering program up to par with our music and computer science programs".

For the near future, the Foundation's fundraising focus will be on the Engineering Initiative to help continue funding the program through its initial phase and scale-up.

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K-12 Engineering on page 2.

The Foundation awards grant of \$2,500 to the S.B.H.S. Athletic Department

At the January 19th South Brunswick School Board meeting, the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. announced a grant of \$2,500 to the South Brunswick High School Athletic Department.

The grant is awarded through the Ed. Foundation's Arts and Athletics Fund. The S.B.H.S. Athletic Department is responsible for all the athletic programs in the District including high school and middle school sports.

At the presentation, Mr. Martin Abschutz, President of the Education Foundation, remarked, "The Ed. Foundation is delighted to be able to support the District's athletic programs and their efforts to educate through athletics."

"We are so thankful for the generosity from our Education Foundation! Our Athletic Department will put the money to great use. Thank you for your continued support! Go Vikings!," said CJ Hendricks – Director of Athletics at S.B.H.S.

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THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP FACTS:

- ★ SERVING THE SOUTH BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY SINCE 2009.
- ★ OVER \$250,000 DISTRIBUTED TO THE SOUTH BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE INCEPTION.
- ★ AWARDED 42 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SBHS GRADUATES, TOTALING OVER \$91,000.
- ★ OVER \$100,000 DONATED TO SBSD CAPITAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT LARGER PROJECTS AND THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE DISTRICT.
- ★ 139 CLASSROOM GRANTS TO ASSIST TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS.
- ★ HELPING OVER 8000 STUDENTS PER YEAR IN CLASSROOMS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ARTS AND ATHLETICS THROUGH ITS PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS.

11TH ANNUAL TOUR DE SOUTH BRUNSWICK & FOUNDATION FUN WALK

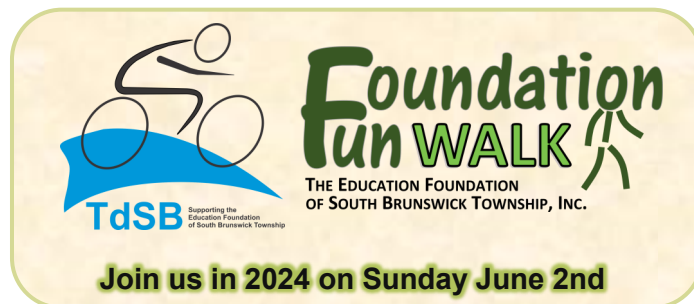
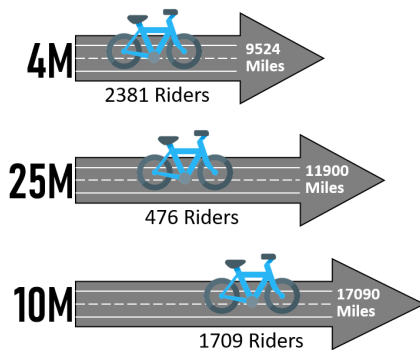
June 4, 2023

The sun returned for the Ed. Foundation's 11th Annual Tour de South Brunswick bike rides and so did the riders.

Our 2023 fundraiser saw the most 25 mile riders to ever participate with 72. They were joined by 122 - 10 mile riders and 51 - 4 mile riders who all pedaled to raise funds for grants to the South Brunswick School District. This year's 245 participants bring the total number of riders, since 2011, to 4566. Those riders have ridden a total of 38,514 miles for the Foundation. That's enough miles to circle the Earth 1.5 times! Along with the 21 walkers in the Foundation's Fun Walk the Ed. Foundation raised over \$3000 for District grants.



Some of the 2023 Tour de South Brunswick riders getting ready to pedal.



Did you know that the Foundation is planning a 5K Run/Walk in November of 2024?

Stay up to date with all the Ed. Foundation news. Scan the QR code below for more information.



Or you can visit
<https://edfoundationsb.org/moreinfo.asp>

STATUS OF K-12 ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The National Academy of Sciences reports, "Although K-12 engineering education has received little attention from most Americans, it has slowly been making its way into U.S. K-12 classrooms.

Today, several dozen different engineering programs and curricula are offered in school districts around the country, and thousands of teachers have attended professional development sessions to teach engineering-related coursework. In the past 15 years, several million K-12 students have experienced some formal engineering education."

IMPACTS OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

A variety of claims have been made for the benefits of teaching engineering to K-12 students, ranging from improved performance in related subjects, such as science and mathematics, and increased technological literacy to improvements in school attendance and retention, a better understanding of what engineers do, and an increase in the number of students who pursue careers in engineering.

The most intriguing possible benefit of K-12 engineering education relates to improved student learning and achievement in mathematics and science.



Return of the EFSB Adult Spelling Bee Challenge

After three years of restrictions, the Ed. Foundation was able to hold its 2nd Annual EFSB Adult Spelling Bee Challenge on February 16. The event was a great success, with seven teams from various South Brunswick District Schools all competing for the coveted Bee trophy. The winning team was "S Bee HS" from South Brunswick High School. The team members were SBHS

teachers, Elizabeth Hayston, Rebecca Rumen and Roberto DeBari. S Bee HS was also the winner in 2020 at the first Bee.

Along with the S Bee HS team, the following teams participated, Notorious B-E-E/ Cambridge, Queen Bees/ South Brunswick H.S., Constable CubBEES/ Constable, Shinning Stars/ South Brunswick H.S. PTO, Bee-utiful/ South Brunswick H.S. PTO, The Spelling Bears/ Brooks Crossing-Deans.

The Ed. Foundation is so grateful for all the teams that competed and all the fans that showed up to cheer them on. We look forward to the next competition in February 2024.

The Educators and Educational Support People of the Year Recognition Program is a South Brunswick School District tradition dating back to 1996. Each year, hundreds of nominations are submitted by staff, students and colleagues, and in the end, 22 honorees are selected and recognized at a Board of Education meeting in the Spring.

During the recognition program, they are presented with two special gifts to commemorate the occasion. For the past three years, one of the gifts has been generously funded by the Ed Foundation of South Brunswick. Each year, I reach out with my gift idea and the cost, and they kindly always say yes.

I appreciate the Ed Foundation's desire to support this program that honors and celebrates our exceptional educators and educational support people. Their donation truly helps to make the occasion even more special.

*With gratitude,
Blair Eiseman*

*Director of Programs and Professional Development
South Brunswick School District*

The Foundation is grateful for the generous support of the South Brunswick Community to help continue its mission to support the students, staff and schools in the S.B. School District.

If you are in a position to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit [EFSB.org](https://www.efsb.org) for donation options. Even the smallest of donations can make a difference. Thank You!



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Beam of Light
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
2023 RECIPIENTS

Mark Lalumia
Music Teacher
South Brunswick High School

John Noble
Science Teacher (SCIOLY Coach)
South Brunswick High School

Visit [EFSB.org](https://www.efsb.org) for previous recipients and details on how you can send a "Beam of Light" to honor a special person in the South Brunswick School District.

Congratulations to following South Brunswick High School Seniors.

The EFSB Foundation Scholarships

Dr. Gary P. McCartney Scholarship:
Autumn Capes

Ed. Foundation General Scholarships:
**Adriana Bell
Laiba Lakhani
Jaime Parnas
Xinyi Zhang**

Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarships:
**Noel Gibson
Dylan Maiorano**

The Foundation awards one Dr. Gary P. McCartney Scholarship for a student pursuing an education career and up to four general Foundation Scholarships per year to graduating S.B.H.S. seniors. The value of each scholarship is \$1500. The Foundation also awards a Vocational/Technical/Trade worth \$500 for a post-secondary education at a vocational, technical or trade school.

For applications and requirements please contact the S.B.H.S. guidance office. For more information and a list of all recipients visit [EFSB.org](https://www.efsb.org).

MI MOVE APP PHYS. ED. GRANT

As part of the its Arts and Athletic Fund the Ed. Foundation has provided a \$650 grant to the H.S. Physical Education Department for a one year subscription to the MiMove Activity Tracking App. This subscription will cover approximately 1000 P.E. students.

The MiMove Activity Tracking App is a mobile application designed to monitor and encourage physical activity in students. This tool promotes overall well-being while enhancing the learning environment. MiMove captures students' voices, emotional responses, and reflections on physical activity. P.E. teachers can access the generated data and metrics through a secure dashboard. The app can help teachers learn more about students' experiences with physical activity both during and outside physical education.

Students will also see the benefits through improved fitness. Their overall health can be improved through monitoring their activity levels while striving to meet recommended daily targets. Through tracking their progress, students may also experience improved concentration and academic performance. Features of the app allow for a fun gamification experiences with goal setting, earning rewards, and competition with peers. It also fosters a sense of community and teamwork through challenges and group activities.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Interested in getting involved with the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township?



Serving on the Ed. Foundation team is a great way to give back to the community, the South Brunswick school district, and make wonderful friends. Volunteers are instrumental in helping with events such as our A Taste for Education, Tour de South Brunswick and Foundation Fun Walk. New volunteers are always welcome!

Please visit edfoundationsb.org or email president@edfoundation.org.

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By The Numbers

Donated to the SBSD **\$254,868**

139 Spark Grants **\$90,696**

Capital Fund Grants **\$58,635**

42 Scholarships **\$91,000**

Physical Education Grants **\$9,017**

Joanne Kerekes Arts Grants **\$3,000**

SBHS Athletic Grant **\$2,500**

*and with your help,
more to come...*

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