



# NAPSF

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF  
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## NAPSF News

March 2020

### Hello Nebraska K-12 School Foundation Friends!

**NSFA Seminar TODAY - Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:00 PM - The CARES Act for Nonprofit Organizations. [Register Here!](#)**

## NAPSF Member Spotlight:

### Cardinal Education Foundation

Lance Swanson

Kindness is the keyword in that last paragraph. Kindness has been a recurring theme in our district and community over the last three years or so. It started with a successful Choose Kind campaign that eventually morphed into the #BeKind campaign that spread across Nebraska and went well beyond our state. CEF has sponsored several events over the last three years to promote kindness and to raise funds for local projects. The most prominent project thus far being the installation of Siouxland Freedom Park here in South Sioux City, Nebraska.



Siouxland Freedom Park is home to the ONLY half-scale EXACT replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, found in Washington, D.C.

In the future, Siouxland Freedom Park's Interpretive Center will feature displays and state-of-the-art electronic exhibits showcasing veterans and the sacrifices so many have made. Our teachers, students and the entire community is so proud of that park, it's content and most importantly what it stands for. We almost all have given to the park in one form or another. That makes it so real, purposeful and certainly has a strong tie back to the work we do at the CEF as well as what the teachers do in the classroom. That is true no matter what age group we're talking about as I see the realness it brings to the student faces.

As I write this newsletter our country is about ten days into the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic and can't help to think about the connections and comparison to the wars that our parents and grandparents fought in. President Trump even referred to this pandemic as a new type of war the other day.

What we can't fathom is what will happen when this pandemic is over. With everything the Be Kind campaign has done thus far, they have physical, tangible things like the Freedom Park they can point at and be proud of completion. The fact of the matter is that it's scary not knowing the outcome of this situation. No one knows, and that's what's worrying. How many people are going to die, how many are going to lose their jobs, and how many kids are going to go without food? How do we go about combating this and where do we even begin? Do we build a war memorial when we beat this invisible virus? So many questions. This is overwhelming for us all in different ways, and can seem impossible to overcome, but the best way we as a community can tackle this is sticking together. Like Coretta Scott King once said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

The members of NAPSF have been so influential, helpful and very, very kind to me in both words and actions. We can't change what's going on in the world, but we can continue doing what we do best...our important foundation work. Our focus might change from time to time, but our core mission will always be supporting the school and students. Together we will lead our foundations to a deeper, kinder community partnership.

Take care,  
Lance Swanson  
Cardinal Education Foundation



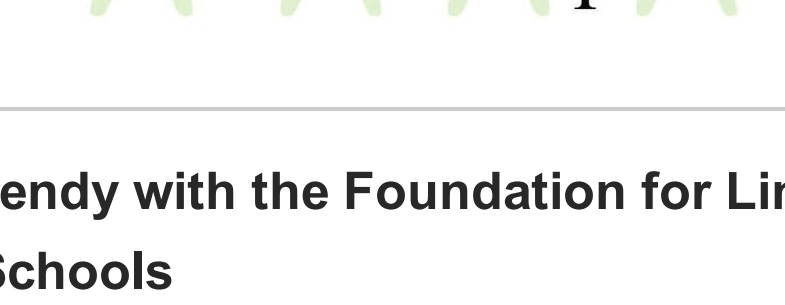
## NAPSF Regional Meetings



### April Regional Meeting

**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2020  
**Time:** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Place:** Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/837754756>

Meeting ID: 837 754 756



## COVID-19 Response

### From Wendy with the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools

The Foundation for LPS created an LPS: Covid-19 Crisis response fund. In the first week we have had over 255 requests totaling over \$217K. We spent last week creating a review process where school counselors and social workers could help assess the needs of families based on the relationships they already have. We have 40+ social workers helping us out! We also put out a call to our community to donate. So far we have raised about \$50,000 and have asks out for an additional \$350,000. The need is huge. Here are a few of the stories we've gotten today, they all are the same story - cut hours, worried about getting evicted...

- *I was terminated from my job last week I applied for unemployment my rent is 725.00 I don't have any way to pay it. I'm stressing out over it. I don't want to get behind with late fees to. Eventually a eviction with no where to go with my girls.*
- *My hours keep getting cut at work and I'm afraid we won't be able to pay our rent and electricity due to the other amount of bills we have to pay and having three teenage boys in our home we barely have enough for food...*
- *Mother of 6: I am on disability, i struggle as it is making it month to month. With this virus I've had to put a lot more food in the house, stock up on clean supplies and house hold items, leaving me in awe of how i am going to make it next month.*

While I know we can't take care of everyone, we want to try to alleviate some of the stress on families right now. However it feels like trying to fill a lake with a teacup!

Attached are the two press releases we sent out. Lincoln Journal Star will start running ads and banners next week pro bono.

Be well friends!

This is going to have a major impact on life as we know it for a very long time!

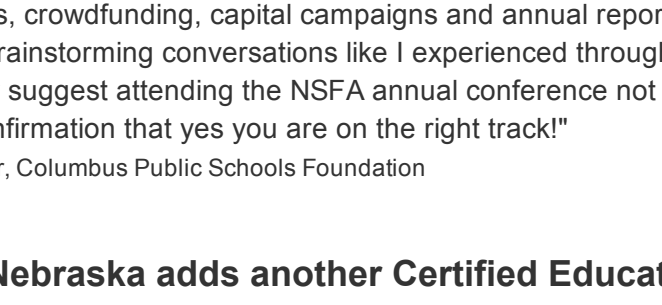
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### News Release - COVID-19 - Foundation for LPS

### News Release - Foundation for LPS Emergency Assistance

### LPS: COVID-19 Crisis Responce

### GIPS Foundation Emergency Fund



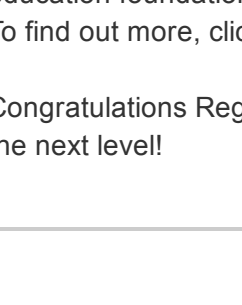
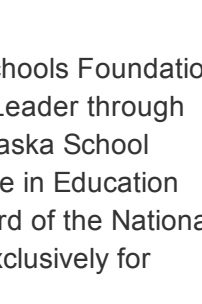
### NSFA National Conference

At the beginning of March, the NSFA held their annual national conference in Philadelphia. We wanted to share with you some feedback from one of our members who attended.

### Nicole Anderson

"As a new foundation director, the NSFA annual conference was a valuable source of information and connections. The variety of topic sessions that were offered allowed me to be a part of topics that worked with alumni engagement, grant making processes, crowdfunding, capital campaigns and annual reports. You can't achieve the brainstorming conversations like I experienced through a webinar. I would highly suggest attending the NSFA annual conference not only to gain new ideas but to receive confirmation that yes you are on the right track!"

~ Nicole Anderson, Director, Columbus Public Schools Foundation

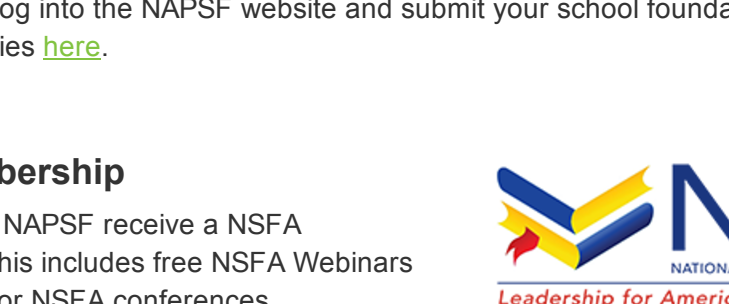


### Nebraska adds another Certified Education Foundation Leader!

Our very own Regina Meradith from Bennington Public Schools Foundation has earned her certification as an Education Foundation Leader through the NSFA and National University. Regina is the fifth Nebraska School Foundation Leader to earn her certification. The Certificate in Education Foundation Leadership (CEFL) is the professional standard of the National School Foundation Association and is the only certification program designed exclusively for education foundation leaders and executives.

To find out more, click here: <https://www.schoolfoundations.org/CEFL-Certification>

Congratulations Regina! We are proud of our Nebraska leaders who have taken their training to the next level!



## NAPSF Membership Benefits

### NAPSF Website

Don't forget to log into the NAPSF website and submit your school foundation success story. You can submit stories [here](#).

### NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



### NAPSF Members

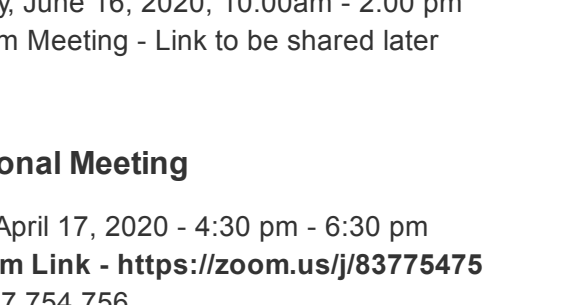
We are currently 30 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- Anselmo-Merna Public Schools Foundation
- Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Beatrice Educational Foundation
- Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
- Bennington Public Schools Foundation
- Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
- Central High School Foundation (Omaha)
- Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Inc.
- Cozad Public Schools Foundation
- Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
- DC West Schools Foundation
- Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Gering Public Schools Foundation
- Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
- Hastings Public Schools Foundation
- Kearney Public Schools Foundation
- Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Education Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Ralston Community Schools Foundation
- School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
- Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.
- York Public School Foundation

### Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

[Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)



## NAPSF Event Calendar

### Upcoming Meetings

#### NAPSF Board Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 10:00am - 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting - Link to be shared later

#### NAPSF Regional Meeting

**When:** Friday, April 17, 2020 - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Link - <https://zoom.us/j/837754756>  
**Meeting ID:** 837 754 756

#### Upcoming NSFA Webinars

**Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:00 PM - The CARES Act for Nonprofit Organizations**  
This presentation will highlight the benefits available to nonprofit organizations as a result of the newly-enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This presentation specifically will cover employee benefits related to unemployment insurance, updates to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) related to emergency paid family and sick leave, eligibility for SBA loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), tax relief such as the Employee Retention Credit, and other considerations for nonprofit organizations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**This webinar is offered to all education foundations. There is no fee to participate in this webinar. Registration Required.**

[Register Here](#)

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 12:00 PM - When Disaster Strikes: LEF Roles in Responsiveness.**  
Join this presentation on how Florida's local education foundations and the statewide membership network responded to the hurricane seasons of 2017 and 2018 tragedies, what they learned and how they are preparing for future disasters.

[Register Here](#)

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 12:00 PM - Employee Giving From Start to Success**  
In this webinar, we will discuss a few key tasks to accomplish on the road to building a strong rapport with your staff.

[Register Here](#)



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