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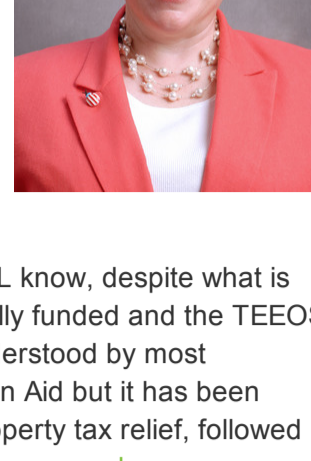
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Nebraska Legislative Bill 364

Toba Cohen-Dunning, Omaha Public Schools Foundation

Dear NAPSF Members:

As non-profit leaders in a very specialized industry, I encourage you all to become familiar with Nebraska Legislative Bill 364 and utilize your influence with your state senator against its passage. If you don't know them, NOW is the time to change that. The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundation's board of directors sent a letter to sponsors of the bill explaining why this bill is detrimental to public school education support. We find ourselves in a particularly interesting moment in our state's history where State Leadership is advocating for private school "scholarships" over Nebraska constitutionally guaranteed quality public school education. As we ALL know, despite what is coming from supporters of LB 364, public school education IS NOT fully funded and the TEEQOSA formula is incredibly complex, not in any way transparent, and misunderstood by most Nebraskans. The actual formula is: Needs - Resources = Equalization Aid but it has been amended numerous times since its inception and its first priority is property tax relief, followed by equalization of assistance for public education. I encourage you to learn more [here](#).



I also ask that you familiarize yourself with the potential impacts of [LB 364](#).

Click [here](#) to register public comments on the bill.

The heart of LB 364 sets aside funding in the general budget needed for public school education and gives it to private schools while promising tax benefits. This not only hurts public school funding, but it ALSO hurts our fundraising as non-profits. The playing field is in no way level and Nebraskans are being misled. While in our positions as K-12 Ed Foundation Leaders we may not do a great deal of advocacy on legislative initiatives, please don't let this opportunity pass without your voice against the effort being heard. This is a bad bill for Nebraska and it is our duty to work with our elected officials to see it stopped. Thank you for your tireless efforts for the public school students of our great state!

Please....make....your....voice....heard.... now! The students of our public school districts deserve better!

Toba Cohen-Dunning, MSW, MPA
Executive Director, Omaha Public Schools Foundation
President, National Schools Foundation Association
Board Member, Nebraska Assn. of Public School Foundations



NAPSF Coffee Talk

These sessions continue to be a hit with members! If you haven't attended one yet, come see what it's all about - Networking, advice, ideas and lots of laughs. Connect with other Nebraska school foundations and find a support system.

Join us for Coffee Talk on **May 6, 9am - 10am**.

[Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

Save the Date! NAPSF 2021 Annual Conference

Monday, November 8, 2021
Career Pathways Institute in Grand Island

Planning Committee Volunteers are needed. Email info@napsf.org to be added to the committee. Please watch your email for a Breakout session RFP. More info coming soon!

Job Opening - Norfolk Public Schools Foundation Executive Director

Are you looking for a career opportunity where you can make a difference?

Join Our Team!
Now Hiring: Executive Director



- Support student success in Norfolk!
- Connect donors with the needs of NPS classrooms.
- Guide a successful NHS scholarship program.

Visit www.norfolkpublicschools.org/foundation/ for a complete job description and application. **Deadline to apply is 4/13/2021 at noon.**

[Apply Here](#)

New Webinar Hosted by NSFA - NAPSF Members Register for Free!

Using VR Technology to Impact Student Learning

Christal Watson, Executive Director, Kansas City Kansas School Foundation for Excellence
Friday, April 23, 2021 at 12pm CST

About the Webinar:

In the educational process students face problems with understanding due to the complexity of certain concepts and higher-level thinking processes. Educational researchers have started to introduce powerful new technology called Virtual Reality (VR) as a way to garner attention and stimulate learning as it provides computer simulation offering students a chance to interact with objects and concepts in a three-dimensional way.

The Kansas City Kansas (KCKS) Foundation for Excellence, under the guidance of executive director Christal Watson is investing in eighty (80) educational virtual reality units for use with the Kansas City School District in 2021. School leadership is expecting 100% increase in student engagement and a 30% increase in test scores, results educators expect to be significant. Leadership will focus on using VR to enhance job readiness as well.

Education foundations serve many roles as partnering agencies with schools, however none as impactful as improving academic and educational opportunities for students!

[Register for NSFA Webinar](#)

NAPSF Membership Benefits

NAPSF Website - We Want to Hear From You

Does your foundation have an inspiring success story? Has your foundation been in the news? Do you have information or insight your peers would benefit from?

Submit your foundation stories, news, or articles [here](#) to be featured in upcoming NAPSF newsletters.

NAPSF New Member Spotlight - Welcome!

Lee Denker
Executive Director, Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation

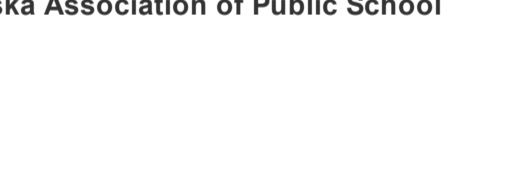
Craig Kautz
Executive Director, Hastings Public Schools Foundation

Beth Rohrer
Executive Director, Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation

James Widdifield
Superintendent, Minden Schools Foundation

NSFA Membership

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



We are currently 32 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.
- Minden Schools Foundation
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- North Platte Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Education Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Pioneer Fund 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.

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

NAPSF Coffee Talk

When: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:00am - 10:00am CST

Location: Zoom Meeting - [Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

NAPSF Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 10:00am - 2:00pm CST

Location: Grand Island

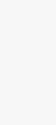
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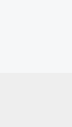
More information coming soon!

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