

From our **community** into our **classrooms**



Every school, every student, one **equal share**

For twenty-one years, PiE's work has moved in one direction: from our community into our classrooms. Parents and neighbors gave, and those gifts became the classroom aides, art instructors, counselors, and elective teachers who make a PAUSD education exceptional rather than merely adequate. That direction still holds. What changed

this year is that the students began giving back. The young people who grew up with a PiE-funded aide at their elbow in kindergarten are now the ones standing at the information table on Back-to-School Night, explaining to a parent why this matters. It is the clearest evidence we have that this investment compounds.

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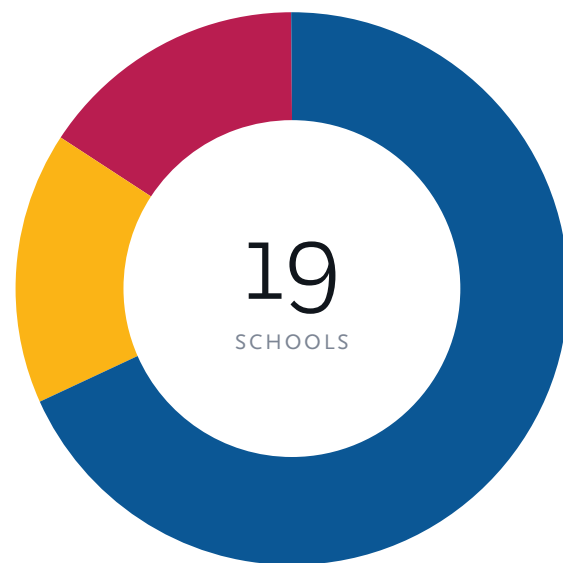
distributed to PAUSD schools during the 2025–26 school year

10,088

pre-K–12 students served

250+

teachers and staff funded



- 13 elementary schools
- 3 middle schools
- 3 high schools

Every dollar was distributed on an equal per-pupil basis, as it has been since the 2002 School Board mandate that created us.

Where it came from, where it **went**

REVENUE

PAUSD Families including Foundations and Donor Advised Funds	\$3,644,413
Corporate Matching Gifts	\$1,049,492
Community Campaign	\$160,515
PiE Business Partners	\$11,000
Other Income (interest, eScrip, Amazon Smile)	\$99,254
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,964,674

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

PiE donations to schools	\$4,400,000
Innovation Grants	\$49,250
TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED	\$4,449,250

Unaudited results. Please see our website for the latest version of our Audited Financial Statement.

The Youth Ambassador Program

PiE launched the Youth Ambassador Program in 2025 to solve a problem twenty years of adult volunteers could not. Our donors are parents, and parents grow more distant from campus with every year their child advances. By high school — when per-pupil costs and program stakes are

highest — we are often speaking to families we rarely see. Students reach them in a way we cannot. They speak from inside the experience: not “here is what your gift funds,” but “here is the counselor who talked me through my junior year.”

Through the 2025-26 school year, ambassadors from Palo Alto High School, Gunn High School and Middle College took on real advocacy work. They staffed information tables at Back-to-School Nights and at spring concerts and performances, planned and led an informational session for parents at Gunn, contributed the student voice to PiE’s social media and communications, and built out the alumni story project that one ambassador conceived and launched on her own. These were not ceremonial roles. Ambassadors spoke to parents who had never given, and to parents who had given for a decade without knowing exactly what their gift bought.

What we did not anticipate was how much the program would give back to the students in it. Ambassadors learned to make a public case for something larger than their own campus— to advocate for an elementary schooler they will never meet and at schools on the other side of town.

STEM, the arts, and the people in the room

STEM

Hands-on lessons and innovative teaching methods build key skills and ignite student interest in STEM. Some schools host popular science units from the Junior Museum and Zoo.

Due in large part to PiE funding, Palo Alto is able to provide social-emotional wellness support at every school and grade level. PiE provides classroom aides in every elementary school classroom, which sets our schools apart from neighboring districts. While most other districts have kindergarten classroom aides only an hour or two a week if at all, PAUSD kindergarteners receive 14 hours of aide time per week.

Funding from PiE donors pays for guidance counselors at our middle and high schools, as well as College and Career Counselors to assist high school students in taking their next step after graduation.

Art

Spectra Art, music, and other performing arts classes ensure a creative and well-rounded curriculum.

Wellness & Support

PiE-funded classroom aides, instructional assistants, math specialists, and counselors foster creativity and curiosity and enrich the students' academic experience.

PiE FUNDS

Classroom Aides

Social-Emotional Learning

Mental Health Therapists

Guidance Counselors

Advisors

Mentors

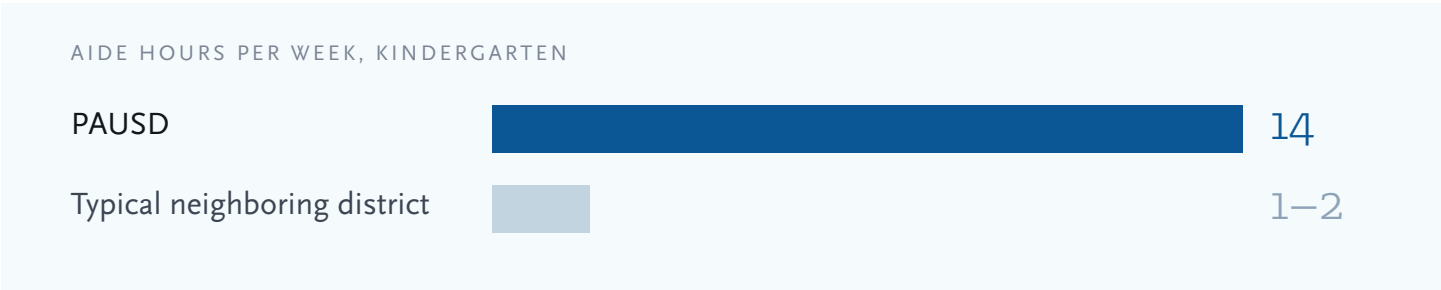
College and Career

Counselors

Transition Orientation

Programs

Challenge Success



Ideas teachers brought us from the **ground up**

\$49,250

ACROSS 19 PROJECTS

Innovation Grants fund proposals written by PAUSD teachers and staff for projects their regular budgets cannot reach. Awards in 2025-26:

DISTRICT-WIDE	Coleman Hall	Simulated work tasks · Cubberley — Post Secondary
DISTRICT-WIDE	David Weller	3D Printer for Blind and Visually Impaired Students · PAUSD Special Education Department
ELEMENTARY	Brittany Gardner	Enhancing our Innovation Design Lab- Duveneck · Duveneck Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Loretta Beasley	Multilingual Library Collection · El Carmelo Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Catherine Harkness Lemat	Inclusive Hands-On Innovation: LEGO Engineering, Literacy, and Accessibility Awareness · Hoover Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Lu Sun	Lulu the Fairy: A Safety-First AI Teaching Assistant & Agentic Maker Companion · Ohlone Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Nicolette Moore	Storm Drains · Ohlone Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Heather Cleland	Literacy Through Listening: Learning and Language at the Bedside · Packard Children's Hospital School at Stanford (LPCH)
ELEMENTARY	Carrie May	Seeing Our World: A 5th Grade Photography & Storytelling Lab · Palo Verde Elementary School
ELEMENTARY	Ashlynn Rao	Voices & Stories: A TK Oral Language Classroom Studio · Greendell School
MIDDLE	Jenifer Nevels	JLS Leadership: Empowering Student Leaders Through Collaboration, School Engagement, and Community Building · JLS Middle School
MIDDLE	Alex Salzmann	JLS Aerodynamics Lab: Data-Driven Dragster Design · JLS Middle School
HIGH	Christopher Kuszmaul	Aikido for High School Students · Gunn High School
HIGH	Joey Cumagun	Student Voices/Ability News Network · Gunn High School
HIGH	Karen Logue	Ninth-Grade Literature Circle Unit: Found in Translation · Palo Alto Middle College
HIGH	Coleman Hall	Poloroid camera + Film — materials for students, art projects and classroom decorations · Cubberley — Post Secondary
HIGH	Tomas Grim	Smythe Performance MK4 Jetta conversion · Gunn High School
HIGH	Anita Su	Artist's Studio · Gunn High School
HIGH	Doyle Knight	Electric Vehicles · Paly High School

Elementary, middle, and high school

Elementary Schools

Thirteen campuses, including the TK, Preschool Boost and Special Education Preschool programs at Greendell. Classroom aides, Spectra Art instructors, school-based counseling, and hands-on science.

\$1,344,387
13 SCHOOLS

Middle Schools

Fletcher, Greene and JLS. PiE dollars enrich the electives environment and reduce elective class sizes, alongside guidance counselors and wellness staff.

\$985,042
3 SCHOOLS

High Schools

Gunn, Palo Alto High School and Palo Alto Middle College. Grade-level counselors, College and Career Centers, Teacher Advisors, electives and wellness outreach.

\$1,541,570
3 SCHOOLS

DISTRICT-WIDE PROGRAMS

\$222,000

Spectra Art

\$155,000

Mental Health

\$125,000

Music

\$27,000

Dance

School-level figures throughout this report are PiE's 2025-26 grants to each campus. District-wide program funding is granted to PAUSD and benefits every school.

Elementary Schools

Addison Elementary

\$119,904

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous support from parents and community donors has allowed PiE to provide Addison with \$119,904.00, which will be spent on:

01

General Classroom Aides, so all classrooms receive vital classroom aide time daily. Aides are a tangible, integral part of every child's classroom experience at Addison

02

Spectra Art Instructors, so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, to build student confidence and artistic expression

03

School-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

04

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for the elementary schools

"The students at Addison have had unique educational experiences that support their individualized learning thanks to the generous contributions of PiE. PiE funds our aides, who are invaluable as they work alongside teachers to ensure each student makes progress in the academic content areas. Furthermore, aides and counselors support social-emotional development both inside the classroom and out on the playground. The Spectra Art program funded by PiE provides an enrichment opportunity for all students. The success of PAUSD students does not happen by chance; through the generous support of parents and PiE, we are creating the conditions for a strong academic and social/emotional program."

Jeff Downing, Principal

Barron Park Elementary

\$82,056

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, donations from parents and community members allowed PiE to provide \$82,056.00 for use at Barron Park Elementary. These generous gifts to PiE will fund:

01

General classroom aide time, helping to provide five hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Barron Park because they let teachers work with small groups or individuals, helping to differentiate instruction that benefits all our children

02

All of the Spectra Art teachers allowing all students to grow in creativity and confidence from regular art instruction benefitting the whole child

03

Additional hours for Maker Space staff who lead hands-on supplemental scientific, creative and technological projects with all students in the school

04

School-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

05

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for the elementary schools

"Barron Park continues to grow and flourish thanks to the generous support of Partners in Education (PiE). With PiE's steadfast commitment to equity, wellness, and opportunity, every student has access to a truly well-rounded education.

Through enriched art and science programs, our Bee Scholars are able to explore their creativity and curiosity. In addition, the support of a dedicated school-based counselor ensures that students feel safe, connected, and ready to learn each day.

We are sincerely grateful for this partnership, which uplifts our entire community and allows our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally."

Claudia Corpus, Principal



Duveneck Elementary

\$108,772

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, support from parents and community members has allowed PiE to provide \$108,772.00 for use at Duveneck. These generous gifts will be used on campus to benefit every Duveneck student:

01

To fund nearly all of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides allow for small group instruction, differentiation in instruction, and guided reading for all students

02

To fund a Spectra Art teacher so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, for multi-dimensional learning, creativity, and increased confidence

03

To fund school-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

04

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"PiE funding enriches the Duveneck experience in meaningful ways. It supports our mental health therapist, who provides classroom SEL lessons, individual and small-group support for students, and parent education events on topics such as screen time and conflict resolution. PiE also funds classroom instructional aides, creating more opportunities for personalized attention and small-group instruction. Please join me in supporting PiE and the invaluable resources it provides for our students, staff, and families!"

Brittany Gardner, Principal

El Carmelo Elementary

\$92,234

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$92,234.00 for use at El Carmelo. During this school year, the funds will:

01

Fund general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Hours are greatest at the kindergarten level to help our youngest students grow accustomed to their new learning community and a full day schedule. Classroom aides are vital at El Carmelo, providing teachers with the flexibility to differentiate their instructional practice, teaching each child at his or her academic level. Instructional aides facilitate powerful one on one and small group teaching and learning in literacy and math in every El Carmelo classroom

02

Fund the Spectra Art instructors so that all children can have access to regular art lessons to build creativity, confidence, and a new way of looking at the world

03

Fund one-on-one or in small group counseling services for students to help facilitate and optimize classroom and playground dynamics and social-emotional skills in students

04

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"We are so grateful for PiE at El Carmelo!

PiE funds provide enrichment in science, music, art, instructional assistance, social-emotional learning, and counseling to give our children continual opportunities for growing and learning.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to PiE to make the best education possible for all our learners."

Leonel Argumedo, Principal

Escondido Elementary

\$141,531

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$141,531.00 for use at Escondido. During this school year, the funds will be used:

01

To pay for the majority of the general classroom aide time, so that all children receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly, allowing teachers to work in small groups and focus on differentiated learning for all students

02

To fund our Spectra Art teachers in both English and Spanish so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction for multi-dimensional learning, creativity, and confidence

03

To fund a licensed counselor, working with students one-on-one or in small groups, to help facilitate and optimize classroom and playground dynamics and social-emotional skills in students

04

To provide a social-emotional learning and wellness program to educate and support the students and enable a positive environment throughout the school

05

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"Partners in Education is an integral part of our community. With its supplementary funding, all PAUSD schools are able to provide students with the best educational experience possible, enhancing their school days through enriching opportunities and activities. Please join me in supporting and expanding the PiE and PAUSD partnership; let us continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities and create legacies for each of our children."

Leslie Crane, Former Principal

Fairmeadow Elementary

\$128,491

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$128,491.00 for use at Fairmeadow. During this school year, these funds will:

01

Pay for general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Fairmeadow, allowing for small group instruction and differentiation in teaching and learning

02

Fund Spectra Art at Fairmeadow, so that all students receive art instruction every other week to foster creativity and confidence

03

Fund part of an intervention specialist to ensure all students receive the most effective instruction possible through outreach and co-teaching

04

Fund a licensed counselor who works with students one-on-one or in small groups to help facilitate and optimize classroom and social-emotional skills in students

05

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"Palo Alto Unified is known for the quality education it provides to each student, and Partners in Education plays a large role in PAUSD's success. Thank you to PiE funds for providing Fairmeadow with our general classroom aides and instructional assistants who support our students. Without generous PiE donations, Fairmeadow would not have the impactful experiences that music and Spectra Art provide. In addition, PiE funds provide Clubhouse Counseling, which supports the important social and emotional wellbeing of our children. I am grateful to know that each and every student in our district benefits from rich experiences and enhancements that are funded by PiE."

Trebor Winslow, Principal



Greendell School

\$10,018

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the TK, Preschool Boost and Special Education Preschool programs at Greendell in the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have provided \$10,018.00 which will be used in our classrooms to:

01

Help fund our Music and Movement Programs that engage children in the performing arts through self-expression while building children's gross motor skills, group engagement and social skills.

02

Pay for invaluable hands-on learning enrichment such as: Science Excursions to Hidden Villa, animal science with the Junior Museum and Zoo, and Star Lab.

03

Pay for additional instructional aide hours in Preschool Boost to provide more adults in the classroom and facilitate small group instruction.

04

Fund 25% of manipulatives and materials for hands-on experiences related to art, science, and math.

"Greendell School is very grateful for PiE! We serve the district's youngest learners in our Learning Centers, Preschool Boost, and TK classrooms at Greendell. The PiE funds support enrichment opportunities in science, music, and movement, and instructional assistance to give all of our children continual opportunities for growing and learning.

We thank our Greendell families for supporting PiE."

Judy Argumedo, Principal

Hoover Elementary

\$125,470

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$125,470.00 for use at Hoover. These funds will be used for these vital programs affecting every child at Hoover:

01

To pay for Spectra Art lessons from Gretel Colvert and Hargun Mann for every classroom, to ensure every child is exposed to the creativity and challenge of art

02

To fund the Instructional Assistants providing an integrated approach to learning including science, math, writing, and poetry. The Instructional Assistants support hands-on programs, collaborate/co-teach/teach lessons, and enhance instruction for all Hoover students

03

To fund the Innovation Lab teacher

04

To fund the three Aides for the Kinder classrooms (Younju Han, Fiona Chew, and Jeannette Salinas) who collaborate with teachers to provide support for the active, academic, social, and emotional learning that takes place at this specific grade level

05

To fund school-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

06

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE) is a fantastic force for good, funding incredible opportunities for ALL our students across the District! Thanks to this equitable and essential funding for STEM, Innovation Lab, The Arts, and Wellness & Support, we're able to meet every student's needs, making their time at Hoover truly special. Our highly trained and experienced professionals work directly with students, ensuring they receive a top-notch, well-rounded education in both core subjects and the arts. A huge thank you to PiE and all our amazing donors who are dedicated to giving our children the very best!"

Nikole Manou, Principal



Juana Briones Elementary

\$77,604

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide Juana Briones with \$77,604.00 for use on our campus. At Briones, donations to PiE help every student by:

01

Helping to fund the general classroom aides who work with kids in every regular education classroom

02

Funding our Spectra Art Instructor who teaches every child creativity and confidence

03

Funding school-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

04

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"PiE is the quiet force behind so much of what makes Briones an inclusive community of learners. By providing vital aide support in our classrooms, dedicated arts funding, and essential counseling funding, PiE is a crucial partner in ensuring every student's well-being. Every grant awarded and every resource provided directly impacts our school, empowering our staff to innovate and ensuring our students have the targeted support they need to thrive. We are immensely grateful for all our families who contribute to PiE and invest so deeply in the future of our children."

Brooke Tassa, Briones Principal



Nixon Elementary

\$109,726

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$109,726.00 for use at Nixon. During this school year, these crucial funds will be used to:

01

Pay for general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms will get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Nixon, allowing children to build deeper connections to caring adults and facilitating small group work in the classroom

02

Pay for 100% of the cost of the Spectra Art teachers so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, for multi-dimensional learning, creativity and building confidence

03

Pay for a professional counselor to support students and help with social skills, school climate, and whole-classroom instruction

04

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"Our effort to provide an enriched program which meets all of the varying needs of our students is greatly supported by the funding we receive from PiE. These dollars make it possible for us to do what we know is good for our students. We are enormously grateful that we are spared the excruciating choices faced by so many of our colleagues in districts up and down this state where the learning experiences of children are limited by the lack of sufficient funds. Every student at Nixon benefits from PiE funding. Thank you for your generosity."

Amy Sheward, Principal

Ohlone Elementary

\$146,620

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$146,620.00 for use at Ohlone Elementary.

01

Pay for general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Ohlone, allowing teachers to work in small groups or individually with students in every classroom

02

Fund Spectra Art at Ohlone, so that all students can benefit from regular art instruction to enhance curricula and build creativity every week

03

Pay for one of the farm science instructional assistants, so that all students can learn from the beauty and wonder of the live and growing things on the Ohlone farm

04

Fund a counselor who works with students one-on-one or in small groups to help facilitate and optimize classroom and social-emotional skills in students

05

Through a grant to the district, PiE helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"Every student at Ohlone benefits from PiE donations. Thank you, Donors! PiE funds provide enriching experiences for all students, in many areas of study. The addition of music and art instructors, mental health counselors, and science programs create many amazing opportunities for Ohlone students. I am especially grateful for the small-group, individualized instruction made possible by the classroom aides funded by PiE."

Elsa Chen, Former Principal

Palo Verde Elementary

\$109,408

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$109,408.00 to Palo Verde. These funds will be used to pay for:

01

General classroom instructional assistants, so that every child has one more person available to support his/her needs in the classroom. The aides not only assist students, but facilitate teaching in the classroom so that students can spend more time in small groups and one-on-one with the teacher

02

Fund the Spectra Art program, so that every child can have regular access to art lessons, building creativity and confidence

03

Pay for sessions of Junior Museum and Zoo hands-on experiential science instruction linked to the PAUSD curriculum

04

Fund a counselor who works with students one-on-one or in small groups to help facilitate and optimize classroom and social-emotional skills in students

05

Funds additional intervention support in math for students, and coaching in math instruction for faculty.

06

Funds campus supervisors, so we have additional adults supporting safety on campus.

07

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"The student experience at Palo Verde is greatly enriched because of the support of PiE funding. We say, 'PiE pays for people' and we know that it is the interactions between people that matter most for a students' learning, growth, and development. On behalf of the entire Palo Verde community, thank you for your donations to PiE"

Elsa Chen, Principal

Walter Hays Elementary

\$92,552

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members will allow PiE to provide \$92,552.00 to Walter Hays. These funds will be used to benefit every Hays student by:

01

Funding general classroom aide time, so all classrooms will get multiple hours of aide time weekly, facilitating small group and individual learning. Aides are a crucial part of the individualized instruction that Hays teachers are working to give every child

02

Paying for Spectra Art classes, so all classrooms get regular art lessons and the opportunity to build confidence and creativity through artistic expression

03

Fund part of a math intervention specialist to ensure all students receive the most effective instruction possible through outreach and co-teaching

04

Funding school-based counseling that helps all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

05

Through a grant to the district, PiE also helps fund the music and dance programs for all elementary schools

"Palo Alto Unified is known for the quality education it provides to each student, and Partners in Education plays a large role in PAUSD's success.

Thank you to PiE funds for providing Walter Hays with those extra pair of hands (our general classroom aides/instructional assistants) in the classrooms which support our students.

Without generous PiE donations, Walter Hays would not have the invaluable experiences that music and Spectra Art provide. In addition, PiE funds provide counseling, which supports the social and emotional well-being of our children.

I am so grateful to know that each and every student in our district benefits from rich experiences and enhancements that are funded by PiE."

Iris Wong, Principal

Middle Schools



Fletcher Middle School

\$242,870

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$242,870.00 for use at Fletcher Middle School.

01

Student Guidance and Support: PiE donations provide support for guidance counselors. This allows Fletcher counselors to know the students over their years at Fletcher, providing continuity and a deeper connection with individual students. Counselors also meet weekly with teacher teams to check in with teachers about students and help maintain student wellness and connections. PiE funds also help pay for work in the area of school climate and social kindness. PiE dollars also supports a psychological counselor, allowing for a greater level of support and swifter response to problems

02

Additional Compelling Electives: PiE dollars allow Fletcher to offer a wider array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school and help reduce elective class size. PiE helps fund staffing for electives in visual and performing arts (VAPA), career technical education (CTE), academic subjects, and the new focus on Sustainability

03

Classroom Support: PiE dollars help support a Teacher on Special Assignment at Fletcher who helps ensure that technology is well- deployed throughout the school (which is increasingly important in this era of Common Core)

"Ellen Fletcher Middle School is fortunate to have a strong and valued partnership with PiE. We are grateful for the generosity from PiE that continues to allow support for our diverse elective offering, ability to provide supportive guidance counseling, additional technology resources, and increase our ability to foster social-emotional development in our students. PiE funds enrich the lives of our students and help to implant a love of learning in our community! The staff at Fletcher Middle School are extremely thankful! Thank you."

Melissa Howell, Principal

Greene Middle School

\$322,979

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

At Greene Middle School, the funds generously donated by parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide Greene with \$322,979.00. The money will be spent in 2025-26 in these vital areas to impact all students:

01

Additional Compelling Electives — Donations to PiE enrich the electives environment and reduce elective class sizes at Greene. PiE funds will enable sections of Drama, Broadcast, Foods & Nutrition, Jazz Ensemble, and Play Production. PiE dollars allow Greene to offer a wide array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school

"At Greene Middle School, elective courses provide opportunities for exploration and skill development. Our students can use courses in visual and performing arts, and technology to explore a variety of careers and skills, helping them identify a career or field of interest. These courses are not only helping Greene students to flourish in grades 6-12, they are preparing students for high demand careers with a depth of learning that builds real-world skills, which helps Greene students graduate high school ready to enter the workforce, or enroll in a multitude of post-secondary education/training options. At Greene, the generous parent donations to PiE make it possible for our students to enroll in elective courses, such as Broadcast, Industrial Tech, Money Matters/ Finance, Design Tech Studio, Creative Writing, as well as receive support from our Tech Teacher on Special Assignment and other IT support personnel. Greene students who take these elective courses know that they will be able to directly apply their learning to careers when they graduate from high school."

Courtney Carlomagno, Principal



JLS Middle School

\$419,193

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$419,193.00 for use at JLS Middle School.

01

Additional Compelling Electives: PiE dollars add additional electives and reduce class sizes in all electives. Because of gifts to PiE, JLS offers electives including Design & Tech, Money Matters, Industrial Tech, Marine Biology, Creative Writing, Broadcast Journalism, KJLS Video Production, Ceramics, and Music sectionals and accompanists. PiE dollars mean that JLS can maintain or increase popular electives to help kids find their interests in middle school

02

Student Guidance and Support: Donations to PiE help fund student support activities, including funding Panther Camp for all incoming students, Team Leads, and paying for vital additional Guidance Counselor time. PiE dollars also support psychological counselors at JLS, allowing for deeper connections with kids and swifter response to problems

"JLS is an amazing place thanks to the dollars we receive from PiE. We are incredibly fortunate to provide our students with diverse electives, guidance counselors at every grade level, expanded technology resources and increased efforts towards developing our students' social-emotional skills. PiE funds greatly enrich the learning experiences of our students and foster a strong sense of pride and joy throughout our learning community. Thank you for your continued support!"

Chris Grierson, Principal

High Schools



Gunn High School

\$700,754

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$700,754.00 for use at Gunn High School.

01

Innovative Learning Programs: PiE gifts help fund Gunn's innovative BEAM program, Orchestra, Audio Production, and Broadcast Media. PiE dollars are funding Gunn's science lab tech to ensure that all students have a great experience in lab science. By supporting these electives and programs, PiE donors help Gunn offer its students many opportunities to pursue and hone their interests, and reduce the class size in all electives classes

02

Supportive Guidance Staff: Donations to PiE fund Gunn's general counseling time, a school-based licensed counselor, the Yes! program, SELF program, Focus on Success, and the SLAM (Students Leaders Anti-Racist Movement) program

03

College and Career Counseling: PiE funds double the resources available to help students with college counseling and post-graduation pathways. PiE contributions to general counseling help make counselors available to support all students' post-high-school plans

04

PiE also funds Professional Learning Community Coaches who build momentum around shared goals, create essential learning outcomes, and align assessments for course-alike teachers. This improves and aligns each of the core subject courses for every student at Gunn

The generous support from Partners in Education is a game changer for Gunn High School students and staff. Donations to PiE, from our parents and community, play a pivotal role in our ability to support all students in accessing a world class education. The additional counseling services, elective courses, and instructional supports significantly bolster our collective ability to adapt to the challenges to teaching and learning that we are facing. We are so appreciative of the high value our community places on high-quality teaching and learning and the positive impact it has on all of our students."

Wendy Stratton, Former Principal

Palo Alto High School

\$797,619

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, PiE will provide Paly with \$797,619.00, because of generous donations from parents and community members. Funds are allocated to key programs and staff to support all Paly students, including:

01

PiE dollars fund a grade-level counselor, which makes it possible for one counselor to follow your student throughout their four years, and additional guidance support staff

02

PiE funds support the College and Career Center providing College Advisors who help students with college counseling and learning about post-graduation pathways

03

PiE dollars are spent on enhancing electives for students, including Ceramics, Theatre, Science classes, and an accompanist for Choir

04

PiE dollars help support the Teacher Advisor program, reducing the number of students seen by each teacher. Teacher Advisors help with course selection, college advice and write college recommendation letters

05

Paly's Wellness and Support initiatives are funded by PiE including licensed counselors and the Wellness Outreach program

PiE's funding allows us to provide increased levels of academic and social/emotional support to all students. PiE dollars fund grade-level counselors, support the College and Career Center, enhance electives for students, and support the Teacher Advisor and Wellness programs. PiE's funding allows students to benefit by having more enriching programs that foster their creativity, knowledge, and overall growth into young adults. Without PiE we would struggle to provide these opportunities for our students. All of us at Paly are grateful for the continued generosity of our PiE donors as we continue to work at providing a well-rounded educational experience for all our students at Paly."

Brent Kline, Principal



Palo Alto Middle College

\$43,197

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2025-26 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$43,197.00 for use at Palo Alto Middle College.

01

PiE funding supports the salary of a mental health therapist

02

PiE donations will also support social-emotional learning programs and wellness activities

"Palo Alto Middle College High School (PAMC) deeply appreciates the generous support of PiE and our Palo Alto community. PiE's essential funding has enabled PAMC to develop crucial mental health and wellness support by funding our school psychologist. Thanks to PiE, all our students have access to professional support when needed. Many have directly benefited from this expertise as they navigate the unique experience of being college students while still in high school. As a school leader and a proud yearly contributor to PiE, I am truly thankful for the impact this organization has made in PAUSD."

Emily Garrison, Principal

A volunteer body of 40 PAUSD parents

PiE's Board of Directors are a talented and dedicated volunteer body of 40 PAUSD parents from a range of schools. They are an active group, each with a set of responsibilities that use their professional expertise from Marketing to Finance, Law to Donor Relations. PiE relies on them for both strategic guidance and oversight as well as for ongoing, daily activities. Because of their help, PiE only employs one full-time staff member, thus saving on expenses so that more dollars can support the staff salaries we fund.

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Every dollar we don't
spend on ourselves
reaches a student.

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The **people** behind the work

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