



# Dartmouth Education Foundation



*Where would we BEE without you?*

October 2021

Dear Friends,

The Dartmouth Education Foundation (DEF) was founded in 2007 by parents and citizens concerned about the consequences of decreased public funding on the quality of education in Dartmouth. Our mission is to ensure enhanced and enriched educational opportunities for students in the Dartmouth Public Schools.

Our primary fundraiser is an adult Spelling Bee. November 5, 2020 would have been the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. Our spellers are teams of teachers, community members and high school students, most dressed in costume, and the event usually draws a crowd of students and family members to cheer them on. Local businesses and individuals sponsor the teams.

Due to COVID-19 we made the decision to forgo our in-person event for 2020 and 2021 but that did not alter our mission. Our students and educators needed us more than ever. Thanks to all of our donors during our Annual Appeal, we were able to continue our mission in a difficult time during this pandemic.

Each year we receive grant proposals from teachers within the Dartmouth Public School system. In the spring of 2021 we received 18 applications and funded ten projects with over \$11,000. This funding comes directly from our generous donors. We were able to fund sensory experiences, improved technology, literature, and problem-solving games and reach students in each of the Dartmouth public schools. Each gift allowed us to maintain our goal of grant-making in 2021. We are a permanently endowed fund of the Southcoast Community Foundation and donations are tax deductible.

As of right now we have decided to hold our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual in-person adult Spelling Bee on March 24, 2022. We will be monitoring our local and State guidelines during this time in order to create a fun and safe event for all participants. We would like to thank our generous donors for past donations and ask for their continue support during this year, 2021 or next year, 2022.

Thank you for your generous and loyal support.

Warmly,

Lara H. Stone, Chair

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