



**Did you know** that I began my service on the Board of Directors in 2013; and in June of 2019, I ceded by 2<sup>nd</sup> year as board president to the very

capable leadership of Ben Ried?

When I began my board tenure, I did not fully know the breadth and scope of the Wildcat Foundation and the impact the foundation has on our students, our teachers and our schools.

I now know that the Foundation's impact has an effect on everyone in the District; be it through the provision of funding for educational field trips, the purchase of classroom aids and tools to help students learn and develop, or through financial support for athletics, music and other extracurricular activities, including our current capital campaign to improve and enhance facilities at John H. Frederick Field at Memorial Stadium.

To fully understand the breadth of services and opportunities available through the Foundation, I encourage our readers to learn more about what you may not know about the District's educational foundation, and to help in their continued growth by giving of your time, talents, and resources. The Foundation has been able to do what it does, only with the dedicated support of so many in our community. I invite you to join us.

It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor to serve the Foundation, and by extension, our shared MASD community. I am certain that, with your help and support, the Wildcat Foundation will continue to play a pivotal role in its work in strengthening our schools and community.

John F. Duggan, Esq.
President of the Board, The Wildcat Foundation, 2017-2019

**Did you know** that when the Wildcat Foundation started their 1999 year-end treasurer's report balance was \$2,706.37?

The Foundation's audited report for FY End 2019 shows a much brighter future

Total Assets: **\$1,884,376** 

Support & Revenue: **\$696,445** 

Expenses: \$223,864

Net Assets (June 30, 2019):

\$1,470,427



Opening Community Day with singing of the national anthem.

## **Did you know** that in FY 2018-2019 the Wildcat Foundation awarded \$56,000 in grant funding?

The Wildcat Foundation provides funding for programs and projects that align with our mission: *To strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD).* 

Funds raised through special events like Wildcat Night, the annual golf outing, and Community Day, general donations, and restricted contributions received through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, are later distributed through a competitive grant process. Teachers, advisors, clubs, and organizations may apply for funds; a committee of the board reviews all applications and recommends support. The committee strives to fund projects that have the greatest impact on District teachers, instructors, coaches, and their students.



#### **Our Mission:**

To strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District

#### 2018/2019 Grant Funding in Excess of \$56,000!

Strengthening Education @ MASD		Strengthening Cultural Awareness @ MASD	
2nd grade classroom — Standing Desks	\$1,180.05	MASD Indoor Percussion	\$1,500.00
2nd grade classroom — 21 Century Classroom Supplies	\$340.68	MASH England Exchange	\$2,000.00
Broad St. Elementary — Flexible Seating	\$1,347.40	MASH GSA	\$1,031.55
Elementary Liberians, Grades K-5 —		MMS Leadership Corps	\$1,500.00
IPad Stands & Microphones	\$587.72	MMS Leadership CorpsMLK Day	\$2,500.00
Elmwood, Grade 4 — Fact Fluency with Math 24 Decks	\$136.63	MUSE Literary & Arts Magazine	\$550.00
Graduation Project — Job Shadowing for Accounting, Engineering & PennDoT Days and Construction Intro. Mobile Hotspots	\$800.00 * \$3,208.10	Strengthening Wellness @ MASD	
Literacy Night Under the Lights — Books and Guides	\$2,500.00	Indoor Guard	\$1,500.00
MASD Elementary Staff — Summer School for K-2	\$3,000.00	MASD K-3 — Bright Smiles, Brighter Futures	\$5,000.00
MASH TSA (Technology Student Assoc.)  MMS — Flexible Seating	\$1,000.00 \$600.00	MASD Student Assistance Team — Family Wellness Series	\$2,200.00
MMS, 6-8th Grades — Innovation Station	\$1,000.00	MMS6th Grade Heart Saver CPR	\$500.00
MMS, 7th Grade Reading — Flexible Seating	\$1,390.15	Strengthening Athletics @ MASD	
Northside, Intensive Learning Support	\$741.76	MASH Swimming & Diving Teams —	
Operation Wildcat — Project Enrichment Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Suits/Swimmer Expenses	\$500.00
Shepherdstown Elementary, 2nd Grade —		MASH Boys Volleyball, JV and Varsity Teams	\$490.00
Makerspace Materials	\$673.75	MASH Phys Ed — Mountain Bikes	\$3,000.00
Trails & Trees Environmental Center	\$6,605.00 *	MASH Water Polo	\$750.00
Junior Achievement — Biz Town & Economics for Success	\$6,678.00 *	Mechanicsburg Lacrosse Boosters — PIAA Varsity & JV, Boys and Girls	\$440.00

These programs and projects are approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development to receive funding through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC): The Wildcat Foundation is approved as a K-12 educational improvement organization.

#### Additional Support Provided by the Wildcat Foundation

- In partnership with the Mechanicsburg Club, the Foundation has awarded 31 college scholarships totaling \$112,000!
- The Wildcat Foundation provided funds for capital projects including the MASD Trails and Trees Environmental Center and the turf field at John H. Frederick Field @ Memorial Stadium.
- The Foundation is in the final stages of a 2 million dollar capital campaign to make additional enhancements at the John H. Frederick Field.
- Many and varied sponsorships, underwriting, and ad support to both community and school organizations.

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Did you know that the foundation's first grant distribution in 2002 totaled \$23,750.

#### **Did you know** that the Wildcat Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors?

Foundation by-laws allow for 21 volunteer board members. Board members are community leaders, parents with students enrolled in MASD, Mechanicsburg Area High School (MASH) alumni, MASD administration, and concerned residents.

#### 2018-2019 Board of Directors













































## **Did you know** that





Superintendent Dr. Mark K. Leidy

As you are certainly aware, Mechanicsburg is a rapidly growing community. In response to the region's development, Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD), the home school for residents of Mechanicsburg and Shiremanstown boroughs, and Upper Allen Township, is experiencing unprecedented growth and change.

New construction at the Kindergarten Academy, where all kindergarten students in the district are schooled, has increased teaching space and a second floor addition

accomodates the district's administrative offices; construction at Elmwood Academy (4th and 5th grade center) converted 2nd floor offices to class room space, with additional construction and expansion to be completed soon; Shepherdstown and Upper Allen Elementary schools are now being renovated and expanded; and Broad Street and Northside Elementary schools are on the docket for renovation. The district is beginning to look at construction needs for both the middle and high schools. Finally, additional instructional, sports and extracurricular space is completed as the Wildcat Activity Center on the high school campus. These projects directly impact the educational needs of our students and are borne by the district's tax base.

#### Did you know...

- 2018-2019 MASD operating budget: \$70,519,028
- Enrollment for 2018-2019 topped out at 4,310 (a near 10% increase over the previous year)
- 288 seniors graduated from MASH in 2019; 86% with educational plans for their future (2 or 4-year college, trade school or military service)
- 15% of juniors and seniors participate in dual enrollment programs, obtaining college credits from HACC, Messiah College and/or Harrisburg University while simultaneously completing high school graduation requirements
- Student-Teacher Ratio = 15:1
- MASD received an A grade from Niche and is rated 73rd best district in the Commonwealth.

(Niche is a small team based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They are a unique blend of data scientists, engineers, parents, and "yinzers" who are passionate about helping you discover the schools, companies, and neighborhoods that are right for you: www.niche.com)

## **Did YOU KNOW** that the Wildcat Foundation and YOU are Building the Future Together?

In February 2018, the Wildcat Foundation launched the silent phase of a \$2.5 million capital campaign to improve and enhance facilities at John H. Frederick Field at Memorial Stadium.

As of June 2019, the Foundation had raised in excess of \$1.3 million for this exciting and long overdue project. When complete Memorial Stadium will boast a completely refurbished and repurposed **Wildcat Foundation Support Facility** (containing new public restrooms, official's locker, training room and storage space); refurbished concession's stand, and a new field accommodating two teams of 60 each, and dedicated as **the Rich Lichtel Field House**.

While additional funds and donor support are needed to bring this campaign to close, the Foundation remains on track to break ground in spring of 2020. As we approach the homestretch of our fundraising efforts we invite you to be a part of this project with your financial gift or pledge of support.

To learn more about this exciting project, or to make your secure, on line pledge of support, visit www.wildcatfoundation.org/campaign or contact Holly Laufer, the foundation's executive director, at 717.691.4505 or wildcatfoundation@mbgsd.org.



Architect's rendering of Rich Lichtel Field House



Building the Future Together!

## Thanks to ALL of our 2018-2019 Donors and Supporters

## **Did you know** that, during the Foundation's 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following committed their support to Building the Future

Together! We publicly thank them for their generous support that will allow us to bring this exciting and long overdue project to fruition!

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sustainability and success of the Wildcat Foundation? We are grateful for their generous and kind support.

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**Did you know** that if you represent a business that does business in Pennsylvania, you may be able to receive tax credits through the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)** program and provide financial support to charitable organizations like The Wildcat Foundation?

The EITC program is administered through Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development (DECD). EITC provides for qualified businesses to make donations, in lieu of tax payments, to approved organizations.

You may be eligible to participate in the EITC program if your business is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is subject to the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax excluding unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax or Surplus Lines Tax.

To receive tax credits, your business must be approved to make contributions to eligible Scholarship Organizations (SO), and/or Educational Improvement Organizations (EIO), and/or Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organizations (PKSO). You may learn more about the EITC program by visiting https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/

Approved as a K-12 Educational Improvement Organization, the Wildcat Foundation is currently able to utilize EITC funds to support any of the following initiatives:

Design4Change (new to the eighth-grade curriculum at MMS)

- Dual Enrollment
- Internships and Co-Ops
- Junior Achievement (both Economics for Success and BizTown)
- Model UN
- STEAM MakerSpace
- Trails and Trees Environmental Center
- TSA (Technology Student Assoc.)

Our thanks to the following business donors who, in 2018-2019 chose to support The Wildcat Foundation, our schools, and our students with their EITC contributions. Their combined gifts, in excess of \$86,000, are disbursed to approved programs as listed above.

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- NexTier Bank
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- Peoples Bank
- Bobby Rahal Automotive Group



John Havas from NexTier Bank with EITC check presentation.



Orrstown Bank makes their EITC contribution to the Wildcat Foundation.



# **Did you know** that in June of 2019, the Wildcat Foundation moved?

With expansion of the Kindergarten Academy and relocation of the District Office, the Wildcat Foundation Office moved to

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