



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Albuquerque Public Schools Education Foundation is a long title, but our mission is fairly simple: We're here to help kids within the district.

In the upcoming school year, 2009-2010, we've got big plans that will dovetail with Superintendent Winston Brooks' efforts to improve educational performance in Albuquerque.

The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit entity, established in 1995 to promote private support of APS and its nearly 90,000 students. We are governed by a volunteer board of directors – civic leaders from all walks of life. We're fortunate to have the support of Superintendent Brooks and Board of Education President Marty Esquivel, who both are ex-officio members of the board.

In the upcoming school year, the Foundation is going to begin an aggressive campaign to recruit local support. Financial help, of course, is critical, and no contribution is too large or too small to help kids in the district. The Foundation also is embarking on a consciousness-raising campaign about its work and our city's students. We plan to be at events, help sponsor events, or simply be a constant, consistent – and friendly – face within the community.

What have we done lately? We've helped support the Title I/Homeless Project, which serves the growing number of homeless students in Albuquerque. We've sponsored students in leadership programs. We've played a role in helping fund athletic programs at the middle school level. We've helped maintain a Summer Reading Academy that helps kids get on solid ground before reading problems become a critical concern. The list goes on and on.

In 2009-10, the Foundation plans to raise money on behalf of four major efforts - Literacy, Fine Arts, Middle School and High School activities and Classroom Mini-Grants. These four initiatives are crucial to giving kids a chance to be better prepared, more well-rounded and more likely to stay in school and graduate.

Our motto here is: We're all in this together. It's more than a slogan. It's the way we'll try to do business – and the way we'll have fun.

We invite you to join us. Together we can make a difference.

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