



EAST PENN
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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January 2022

Dear East Penn Community,

On behalf of the district, I am pleased to share the 2020-2021 East Penn School District Annual Report. In this report, you will enjoy reading about the outstanding academic achievements and extracurricular accomplishments of our students over the past year along with important district financial information and resources.

Due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, our learning models looked different than in years past. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, our students participated in a variety of learning models, including hybrid, remote, and traditional in-person learning. While our routines may have been different throughout most of the year, we remained consistent in our commitment to providing learning experiences that support the skills and attributes that are reflected in the EPSD Portrait of a Graduate. In addition, we continued to focus on the priorities that are defined in the East Penn Comprehensive Plan, including:

- **Social and Emotional Learning:** East Penn is committed to addressing the social and emotional needs of our students and staff. Students must feel safe and supported before they can learn. To reach this goal, our administrators, teachers, and staff are focused on learning how to recognize trauma signs and triggers and provide supports that promote resiliency and healing.
- **Equity:** Equity in education means that opportunities are differentiated to ensure all students have access to the resources, programs, and experiences that they need. In East Penn, we believe all students, regardless of race, culture, educational label, gender, sexual orientation, or background, deserve a learning environment that is responsive to their lived experiences. We will continue to analyze all aspects of our organization to align our practices with our core beliefs about equity.
- **Organizational Culture:** Positive relationships are the foundation of East Penn. We are dedicated to developing an organizational culture that is characterized by transparent communication, collaboration, and appreciation for the contributions of all employees.

The 2020-2021 school year presented several unique challenges, but we remained dedicated to working through these challenges by providing the best possible educational experiences for all of our East Penn learners. I am proud of all that we achieved thanks to the continued support from the staff, students, families, and community members of East Penn. Our determination, perseverance, and commitment to each other as a school community is something I will never forget.

Sincerely,
Kristen Campbell, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Mission

We foster a community in which students become effective problem solvers, collaborators, critical thinkers, and communicators.

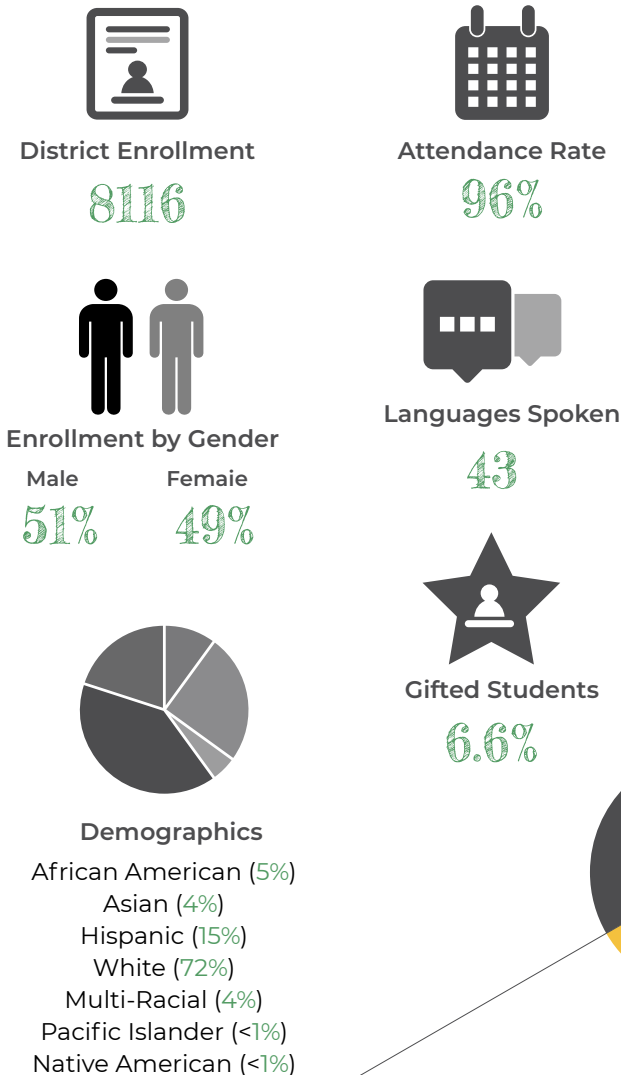
Vision

Our students will grow into confident, adaptable, compassionate individuals who will become lifelong learners and contributors to a global society.

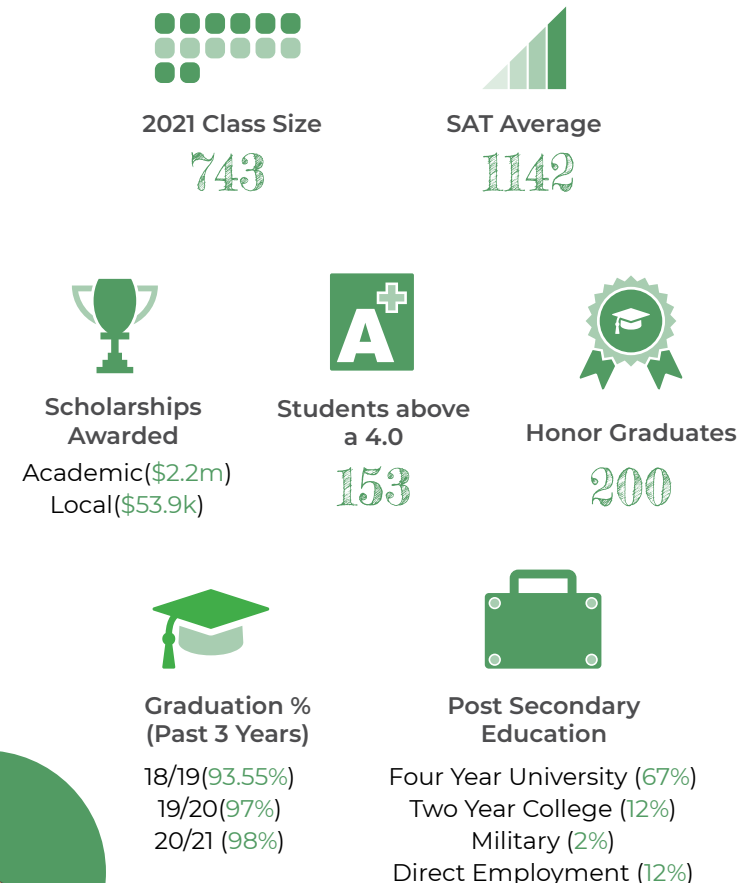
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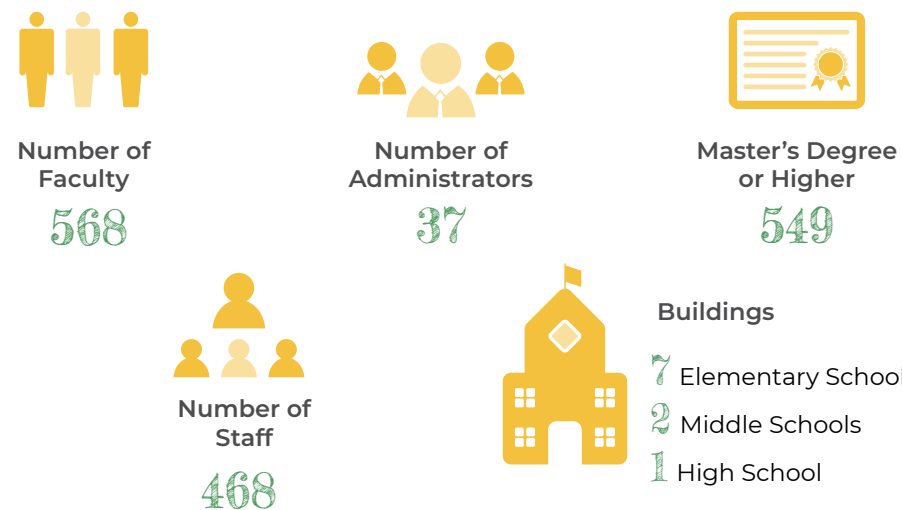
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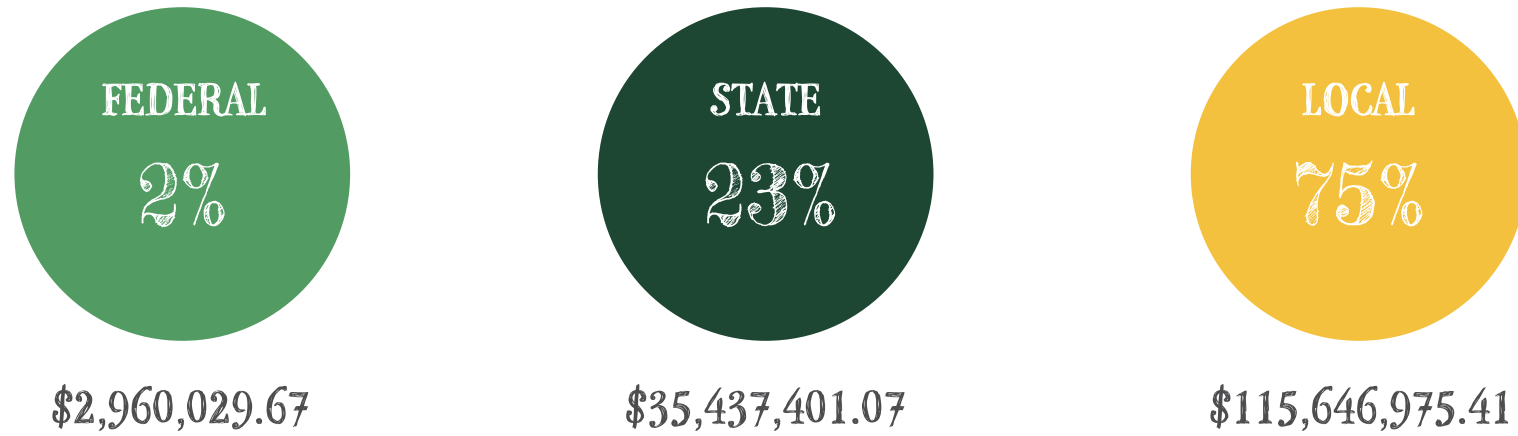
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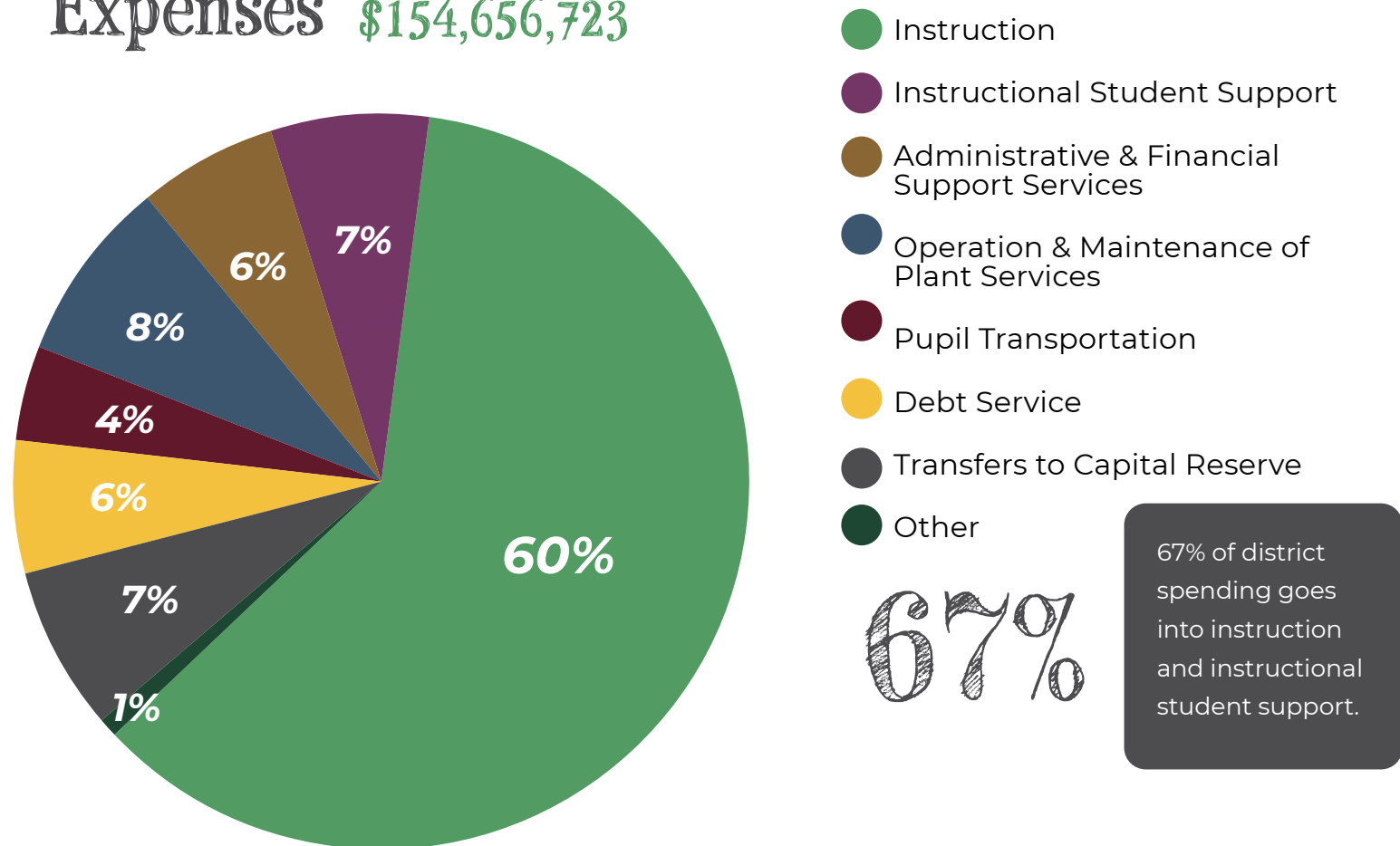
SCHOOLS AND STAFF



Revenue \$154,044,406



Expenses \$154,656,723



Expenses > Alternative Breakdown



COVID-19 Pandemic Concerns Continue through 2020/2021 School Year

It had been six months since the coronavirus changed just about everything in our lives. School districts across Pennsylvania were facing unprecedented pandemic-related uncertainties and concerns. Along with the disruption to traditional learning models in early 2020, the pandemic upended school district budgets which left many superintendents unsure how to plan for the coming needs of the 2020/2021 School Year. As school districts continued to address recovery needs and COVID related learning obstacles, it was critical that available funding sources were prioritized to support the upcoming work that needed to be done.

In order to help school districts, Congress passed the CARES Act to help address the crisis. States were concerned about possible budgetary shortfalls as a result of the unpredictability of revenue streams generated from school property taxes. The implications for public education funding this year and into the future could have brought with it more severe education cuts in 2021 and beyond. The CARES act sought to offer a lifeline through economic relief to cope with many of the unexpected costs of the coronavirus pandemic. East Penn remained committed to the students, teachers, and families of our district to make sure that our quality of education did not become another casualty of this pandemic.

September/October

2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists Honored

The East Penn Board of School Directors honored our 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, Matthew Magee, Caitlin O'Brien, and Naqiyah Peatiwala at the October 12, 2020 school board meeting. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$40 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.



EPSD Now Offering FREE Weekend and Holiday Meals

East Penn School District will now be offering FREE weekend and holiday meals. This program will begin on Friday, November 6th. The form is now open and will close Wednesday afternoon each week.

There will be a separate form specifically for weekend meals that can be found here. The Spanish version of the form can be found here. Weekend meals can be picked up at Emmaus High School or Lower Macungie Middle School on a Friday from 12:00PM-1:00PM. These meals will not be sent home with students directly from school at any time. Anyone can pick up these meals for the students, they just need to give their name so we know everyone got their items.



Holiday or non-instructional day meals will be announced on a separate basis depending where it would fall during the week.

November/December

Shoemaker Teacher Hosts "Expedition Art" On-Location Learning

Upon hearing the news that all students would be fully remote for the two weeks of school after the Thanksgiving holiday, Mr. Shreck, from Shoemaker Elementary, decided that he wanted to do something special for his students. "We are so lucky to be in a district that embraces the visual and performing arts and living in Lehigh Valley. We also have so many incredible areas where Art is displayed, produced

and enjoyed," says Shreck. So, he spoke with principal, Jackie Vogel, in hopes of conducting "Pop Ups" for the students on-location. He called it "Expedition Art". She was extremely supportive and gave him the thumbs up!



During those two weeks, Shreck traveled to the Emmaus Public Library to view the massive Art Mural and artist paintings, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown Art Park, DaVinci's Horse sculpture and the America On Wheels Auto Museum. Each day there were three sessions and students were able to take a tour of the area and also create a drawing to finish up their session. He even had the students work catch the eye of the Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and mascot, Miles. They messaged them back and forth on their awesome DaVinci Horse drawings and are sending something fun to the students all the way from Colorado.

January/February

EHS Students Earn Gold and Silver Key Awards in Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

The Scholastic Art and Writing Competition is the nation's longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Students in 7th-12th grade can apply in 28 categories of art and writing. Despite the challenges of online schooling, Emmaus High School Art Students managed to be recognized for their artistic talent!



Congratulations to the following students: Lindsay Ott, Mercedes Wagaman, Sadie Kennedy, Stephanie Klemick, Sean O'Rourke, Andee Korpics, Aaliyah Charlot, Tallulah Anderson, Abigail Barnes, Bethany Brown, Breanna Ewart, Josh Fritz, Ella Glenville, Taylor Hiestand, Madeline Huffer, Alexandria Langan, Madison Miller, Pandora Schoen, and Elise Stauffer.

Emmaus High School to Compete at PA Region 6 History Day 2021



The EHS History Day club is proud to announce that fourteen of its members will move forward to compete in this year's Region 6 PA History Day competition! This virtual competition will be hosted by Muhlenberg College and will take place on Saturday, March 20. Please allow us to congratulate the following students and wish them well as they move forward in this nationally recognized competition.

Congratulations to the following students: Adam Grigoruk, Heather Fabritze, Kyla Fanning, Cameron Fanning, Samantha Loeper, Jack Freemont, Lin Luo, Andrew Mory, Nadia Anthony, Julia McDonnell, Clara Kennedy, Sadie Kennedy, and Lauren Kershner.

EHS Journalists are Top Award Winners at Pennsylvania News Media Association's Keystone Media Award Contest

Congratulations to our Emmaus High School journalists for winning the most awards of any high school in the state for the annual Pennsylvania News Media Association's Keystone Media Award contest. EHS ended up on top by earning 12 awards!



The Stinger staff captured first place for ongoing news coverage of the pandemic with a news package of more than 20 articles of writing, photography, infographics, and multimedia content. So while that award simply states "staff," please know that the contributors for Ongoing News Coverage include: Rylan Bassett, Katie Taranto, Victoria Rivera, Krissy Heilenman, Belle Lees, Greta Miller, Heather Fabritze, Madison Mauro, Payton McGlory, Caitlin O'Brien, Erick DeLaRosa, Aidan Springs, Jacob Welsko, Eleanor Creelman, Rylee Dang, Adithi Katikhaneni, Ari Bowman, Thomas Hartill, Meliha Anthony, Bethany Brown, Alice Adams, and Nate Garcia.

March/April

EHS Science Olympiad Team Places 1st in Warrior Science Invitational



Congratulations to our Science Olympiad Team on their 1st place finish in the Warrior Science Invitational! The team competed against 6 other EPC teams and placed in 6 out of 8 events.

Alburtis Elementary PTO Sponsors Socially Distanced Easter Egg Hunt

Alburtis Elementary School PTO sponsored a socially distanced Easter Egg Hunt on the afternoon of Saturday, March 27th. Families had assigned hours to begin the hunt based on the first letter of their last name. The hunt took them all around Alburtis to various business and community sites where they found clues, met characters, and were often treated to some goodies.



EHS Reading Olympics Team Places in Area Competition



April 15th marked the end of the 2020-21 season for Reading Olympics, with Emmaus High School having entered its first-ever team in area competition and nabbing fourth place. Seven EHS students—seniors Aidan Brown, Heather Fabritze and Kyla Fanning, juniors Isabela Lees, Benjamin Lees and Meera Bakrania, and freshman Molly Himes—accepted the challenge of reading 25 books between them in November, in anticipation of the annual spring reading showdown.

May/June

Schmidt Earns Gold Medal in 2021 National German Exam

Congratulations to EHS student Hayden Schmidt on earning a Gold Medal in the 2021 National German Exam Level 3. The National German Exam is administered each year to over 20,000 high school students of German. The Exam, now in its 61st year, provides individual diagnostic feedback, rewards students through an extensive regional and national prize program, and creates a sense of accomplishment. Exam results provide teachers a means of comparing students in all regions of the country, as well as programmatic data to help inform curricular decisions. The exams ... reflect the principles of the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and their focus on developing students' abilities to communicate effectively and with cultural competence as members of multilingual communities. The Level 3 Exam targets student proficiencies in the Novice High to Intermediate Low proficiency range. These students understand the main idea and many details on familiar topics expressed in a series of connected sentences, conversations, presentations, and messages. They comprehend information related to basic personal and social needs and relevant to their immediate environment such as everyday life, school, and community. (AATG.org)

East Penn Students Represent in PMEA District Band, Chorus, Orchestra and PMEA All-State Ensembles



Congratulations to the following students for representing the East Penn School District in the PMEA District Band, Chorus, Orchestra and PMEA All-State Ensembles:

Emmaus High School

Eddy Chow- *District Orchestra*
 Jocelyn Chow- *District Orchestra*
 Sean Consigli- *District Orchestra*
 Elizabeth Duerholz- *District Chorus*
 Jack Freemont- *District Chorus and All-State Chorus*
 Alexis Kennedy- *District Band*

Rachael Tobey- *District Orchestra and All-State Orchestra*
 Juliana Vansuch- *District Chorus*
 Eric Welp- *District Orchestra*

Eyer Middle School

Nicholas Maroun- *District Orchestra*
 Brighton Yu- *District Orchestra*
 Colby Zheng- *District Orchestra*

Rachel Knappenberger- *District Chorus*
 Julia McDonnell- *District Band and District Orchestra*
 Lucas Nowak- *District Chorus*

Robert Pierno- *District Chorus*

Clare Sheehan- *District Orchestra*

Matthew Sipsic- *District Orchestra and All-State Orchestra*

Indira Tatikola- *District Chorus*

EPSD Education Foundation



MISSION: To enrich, extend, and deepen the educational experiences of East Penn School District students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, the five pillars of critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and problem solving.

Founded in 2015, the East Penn School District Educational Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) tax exempt public foundation dedicated to improving the future of STEAM-Powered education in the East Penn School District. The Foundation exclusively provides funding to enhance the educational opportunities for our students.

- Every year, the Foundation fulfills grant applications submitted by local educators. Since 2016, they have awarded more than \$28,000 to East Penn teachers.
- The Foundation partners with more than 74 Corporate Community Partners in a variety of ways that go beyond financial support.
- The Foundation hosts an Annual Gala, Career Exploration Fair, Senior Sign Sale and a Chamber Fundraiser every year. These are the events that provide annual funding.

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Macungie, PA 18062
Main Office: (610) 965-1600



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■ **Shoemaker Elementary School**

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The East Penn School District shall not discriminate in their academic programs, activities or employment practices based on gender, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion or any other legally protected classification.

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