



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

9,924

students in Grand Island
Public School District

10,113

gifts made by
our generous donors

I like numbers.

But, let's face it, numbers are inanimate. They sort of tell a story, but they don't sparkle with joy when they talk. They don't dance a happy dance. They don't get a lump in their throats. They don't cry. The numbers in this report are placeholders for quantity and hardly tell the real and sometimes raw story. I wish I could share every story of triumph, opportunity, or just plain shoes that fit.

You just have to know that **these numbers matter**. They represent the Grand Island Tenacity – GRIT of our students and staff and they represent YOU, our donors, as we could not invest without YOU.



Numerically and Animatedly,
Traci Skalberg, GIPS Foundation
Executive Director

Scholarships

The GIPS Foundation awarded **167** college scholarships totaling **\$500,508** to the class of 2021.

158 Grand Island Senior High students applied. **63%** were offered a scholarship.

\$23,000 was granted to students for dual-credit classes at the Career Pathways Institute.

Classroom Grants

2,492 students benefited from **17** Classroom Mini-grants.

The GIPS Foundation awarded **\$18,199** in Classroom Mini-grants.

10 school buildings in the Grand Island Public Schools district received one or more mini-grants in the 2020-2021 school year.

Legacy Funds

The GIPS Foundation granted **100+** Legacy Grants totaling **\$92,602** this year.

Grants are awarded for class projects, school-wide initiatives, and on an individual basis.

medical expenses
rent
opportunity
groceries activity fees
sports equipment
transportation
tennis shoes
mental health
clothing
utilities
counseling
tuition
dentist
physicals
camps



\$1,447,443

Invested into Programs, Scholarships, and Grants benefiting students

Average of **\$145.85** per GIPS student

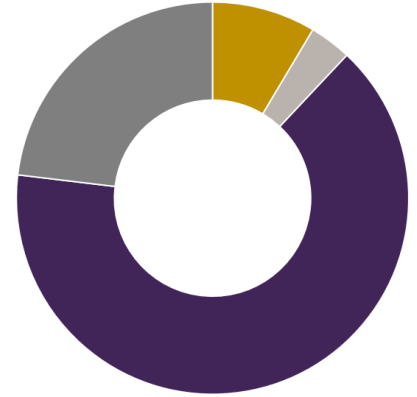
Fiscal Year 2021 - Audited Financials

September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

Assets

Restricted Funds	65%	\$6,149,307
Committed Scholarships/Grants	23%	\$2,188,779
Unrestricted	9%	\$810,004
Umbrella & Booster Organizations	3%	\$327,034

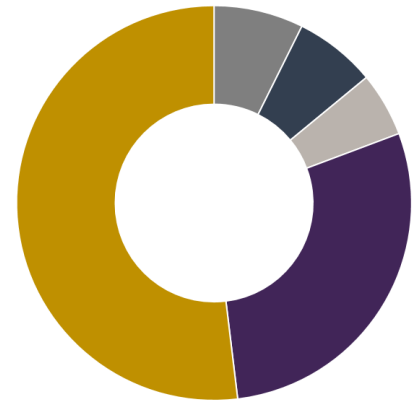
Total Assets: \$9,475,124



Income

Contributions - Restricted	29%	\$1,076,502
Restricted Fund Income	52%	\$1,939,319
Umbrella & Booster Income	7%	\$274,047
Unrestricted Interest/Dividends/Administrative Fees/Capital Gains	7%	\$249,938
Contributions and Fundraising Income - Unrestricted	5%	\$196,300

Total Income: \$3,736,106



Expense

Program - Foundation Restricted and Unrestricted	59%	\$1,106,390
Program - Umbrella and Booster	18%	\$341,053
General & Administrative - Includes Umbrella, Booster Organizations	14%	\$252,742
Fundraising - Includes General, Umbrella, Booster Organizations	9%	\$172,330

Total Expense: \$1,872,515



8

consecutive years
rated 4-stars by
Charity Navigator

\$6M

over \$6 million
in scholarships
awarded since 1991

2,091

generous donors
investing in
GIPS students

OUR VISION We envision Grand Island Public Schools as a place where all students experience a rich educational journey with robust opportunities to prepare them to thrive and dream big. Every GIPS student will have adequate resources to attain their potential.

This has been a year like no other. We keep saying that. Unfortunately it is still true. Also true, is our GIPS Foundation's persistence to continue meeting the challenges that the students of our community face, most especially during a pandemic. With the help of over 2,000 donors we continued to strive towards our vision. The GIPS Foundation provided scholarships for hundreds of students, provided funding through mini-grants for teachers to aim high, provided the fees for workshops and clinics for students who could only dream of these opportunities. And, perhaps, the thing that pulls on my heart strings the most, is knowing that the Foundation can be counted on to provide shoes, coats, winter clothes, or athletic wear; to pay electric bills and cover the rent to prevent students from becoming homeless or living in cold, dark apartments; to help pay counseling bills for staff and students who have struggled with challenges; or to simply be the difference maker that takes care of basic needs so students can focus on learning when they're in school. Our students and educators have **GRIT**, and our Foundation continues to provide them opportunities.



Thank you for helping us invest in this Grand Island Tenacity – GRIT for our students!
Dr. Vikki Deuel, GIPS Foundation Board President

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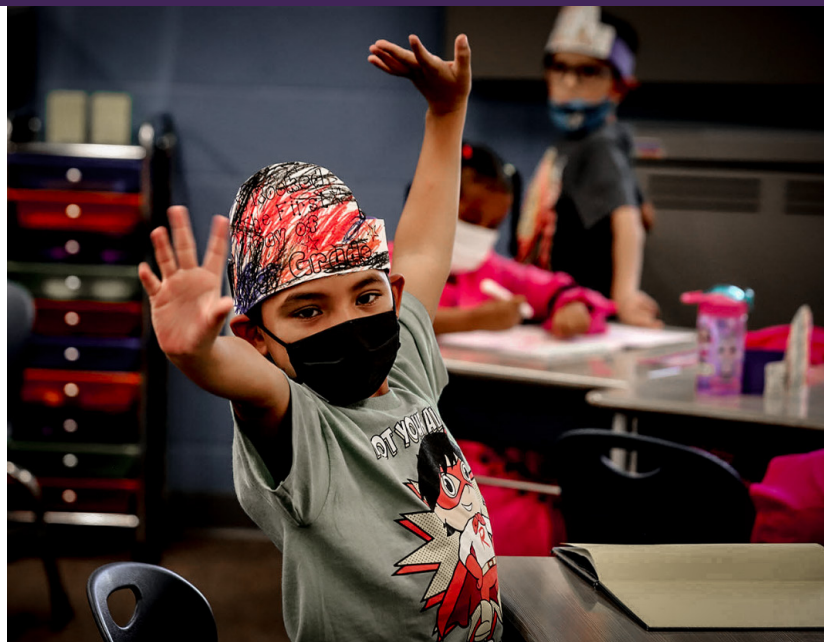
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