

# Why we're here.



Colorado has a long history of underfunding public schools, ranking toward the bottom in spending on education, and pupil-teacher ratio, and ranks last in the nation in providing teachers a competitive wage.

**“It’s nearly impossible to make a living as a teacher in Colorado.**

So what do they do? They go where they’re valued, which is happening at an alarming rate.”

– Phil Qualman, Superintendent of Eagle County Schools

**Because teachers can’t make a living wage in Colorado, they move to states where they are valued.**

## Part of the solution.

**E·f(ec)** is the #1 teacher retention effort in Eagle County!

The Education Foundation of Eagle County is committed to the intellectual and emotional growth of students specifically focusing on equitable access to in-school enrichment and mental health support services, as well as efforts to recognize and retain top teacher talent.



## PROJECT FUNWAY

HITS THE STAGE  
MARCH 23, 2024

DOBSON ARENA | VAIL

[projectfunway.org](http://projectfunway.org)

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## Get In Touch



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# 2023 ANNUAL IMPACT

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## Mental Health IMPACT

### Educator Mental Health

- **Educator Appreciation & Gratitude**
- **Gift of Staff Time:** E·f(ec)'s School Support Corps employs a network of paid individuals to cover recess and lunch duty allowing teachers to focus on what they do best.

### Student Mental Health

- **\$688,420 in The Colorado Health Foundation grants** supporting E·f(ec)'s coalition, the B.E. Partners, a partnership led by E·f(ec)'s coordinating in-school providers of behavioral education programming including suicide prevention, maturation, and equity learning.

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## Teacher & Educator IMPACT

- **\$59,000 in E·f(ec)tive Apple Awards** for outstanding educators impacting 119 educators
- **\$156,715 in Distinguished Teacher Scholarship Awards**
- **Evening of Stars**  
Outstanding Educator Celebration  
26+ years running

## Equitable Classrooms

- **More than \$500,000 in Classroom Grants:** Districtwide, fall grant program for STEM, Arts & Music, and Equity
- **Project Funway:** Premier fundraiser
- **Wild West Day:** District wide fundraiser for preschool and elementary schools
- **School of Rock Summer Camp:** Raises funding for arts & music in Eagle County public schools



## Community Engagement IMPACT

### Local Initiative Campaigns

**\$220M | YESforECSD.com**

- 2016: 3A & 3B - WIN
- 2020: 5B - WIN
- 2023: 5B - WIN

### State Advocacy

- Great Education Colorado BOD
- State Initiatives in 2018, 2020 & 2022

### Leadership Development

- E·f(ec) School Support Staff Corps
- Student Internships, Volunteer Opportunities, & Engagement Outreach

### Fiscal Sponsorship

- Avon Skate Park
- Eagle County Gives
- Battle Mountain High School Project Graduation