

West Muskingum Academic Fund

2019-21 ANNUAL REPORT



As the West Muskingum Local School District traveled the bumpy road created by the COVID pandemic, the West Muskingum Academic Fund continued collecting donations on behalf of the students. Thankfully our contributors remembered us.

During a normal school year, the Academic Fund would provide teachers with financial support for educational opportunities such as assemblies, guest speakers, field trips, fees, and travel expenses for academic competitions. However, during the 2020-21 school year the needs were very different.

The West Muskingum Academic Fund Committee was pleased to award the district with \$32,000 toward the purchase of Chromebooks for students doing either in-person or remote learning. Funding was also used toward the purchase of decodable books.

"The West Muskingum Academic Fund has always been an integral part of our students' educational experiences," said Superintendent Chad Shawger. "They once again found a way to reach as many students as possible during a challenging year. Our staff thanks the committee for providing these great opportunities for our kids."

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Mike and Lori Lones



In addition to purchasing the Chromebooks, the Academic Fund also purchased decodable books for K-8 students. Decodable books are books that are written with a focus on a particular phonetic pattern or word family. Each decodable book is written using specific sound-letter relationships throughout the entire text. These phonics patterns on the pages of these books include word families with short vowels, long vowels, vowel teams, or irregular sounds.

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
Dr. Douglas Ramsay, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 7/1/2020	\$ 490,321.95
Grants Awarded	\$ 29,019.71
Account Management Fees	\$ 3,825.73
Annual Report Printing & Postage	\$ 1,200.00
Annual State Filing	\$ 100.00
Contributions Received	\$ 11,110.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2021	\$ 605,709.87

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Created in 1982 by a group of concerned parents, educators, friends and community members, the Academic Fund continues to operate as a separate non-profit foundation with its principle monies forever remaining on deposit. The interest earned from that principle is spent each year to partially or fully fund enriching academic opportunities for the students of West Muskingum.

The West Muskingum Academic Fund sincerely appreciates the continued support from its donors. As an additional gifting option, donors can choose to gift stocks or other assets (such as life insurance or estate bequests), directly to the fund in lieu of cash donations. For more information regarding this and other planned gifting opportunities, please contact your financial advisor.

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