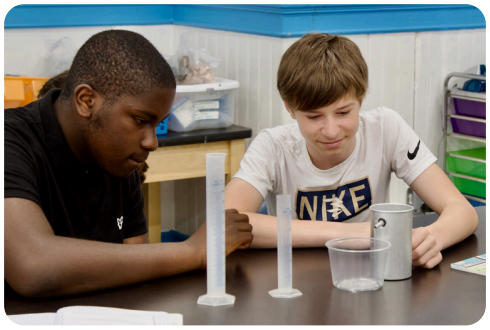
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Dear FASRI families and friends,

Every year, we take time to look back at what we have accomplished together over the past twelve months at FASRI. We are pleased to present an overview of the 2025-2026 school year with this Annual Report.

In addition to highlighting the achievements of our multilingual program and new initiatives, we wish to acknowledge the generosity and engagement of our staff, students, families, alumni, and benefactors.

Inside this report, you will find an address from our Head of School, a list of our faculty and staff, a report on the 2026 fiscal year and donors, a spotlight on our pedagogical projects, and a letter from the Board of Trustees.

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MISSION

The French American School of Rhode Island's multilingual experience cultivates globally-minded, confident, creative learners.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



The 2025-2026 school year at the French American School of Rhode Island (FASRI) was another year of providing our students with a well-crafted, vibrant, and meaningful multilingual learning experience.

A defining milestone of this year was our community's deep, collaborative work in designing our roadmap for the next five years. The FASRI 2026-2031 Strategic Plan builds on the momentum and achievements of our previous cycle, further refining our identity as Rhode Island's premier multilingual institution. Rooted in research-backed pedagogy, our academic program develops core mastery while equipping students with the adaptability, critical thinking, and 21st-century skills necessary for lifelong success.

Today, FASRI boasts a mission-driven community, a growing local and international reputation, and a robust financial foundation, anchored by a highly collaborative partnership between the Board of Trustees and the Head of School. Uniquely positioned to thrive in an evolving educational landscape, FASRI remains committed to elevating its academic offerings and solidifying its leadership as a dynamic international school in Providence.

Guided by our core values of *intellectual curiosity, respect, empathy, and integrity*, our multilingual model continues to *cultivate globally-minded, confident, creative learners.* In a world marked by complex challenges, FASRI remains a welcoming haven for personal and intellectual growth, a place where students deepen their thinking, solve problems creatively, and build lasting friendships. Our students stand out for their inclusivity, empathy, and cultural competence as they navigate the wider world.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire FASRI community, the FASRI Board of Trustees, families, faculty, staff, students, and friends, for your dedication to our mission. Thank you to everyone who has supported FASRI since its inception in 1994. Your unwavering generosity and enthusiasm have been vital to our success. We encourage you to stay engaged as we continue advancing the purpose of our school.

Thank you for another wonderful year. I look forward to everything we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

With my warmest regards,

Bénédicte Brouder, Head of School



VISION

The French American School of Rhode Island leads in international education, creating a multicultural community prepared to change the world.

FASRI'S EDUCATOR PROFILE

We consider all faculty and staff at the French American School of Rhode Island as a team of educators contributing to the learning experience of every student.

Our educators are compassionate, supportive, and ready to listen, learn, and change. They have a genuine belief in each child's potential and ability to succeed.

Our educators are highly skilled professionals in their chosen field, live the multilingual and multicultural mission of the school and its values, and understand that every interaction represents an opportunity to learn.

FACULTY

Anthony Aliagas, *Maternelle French Teacher*
Lamia Benadouda, *Maternelle Teacher Assistant*
José Bustos, *Student Services Provider*
Alexandra Chabbert, *Maternelle French Teacher*
David da Costa, *Elementary French Teacher*
Camille Daverdon, *Elementary French Teacher*
Éléonore Ecorcheville, *Art Teacher*
Courtni Ferguson, *Middle School Math Teacher*
Timosha Fesenko, *Student Services Provider*
Claire Galié, *Elementary French Teacher*
Annabelle Gouriou, *Elementary French Teacher, Elementary Coordinator*
Kamanda Hickey, *Student Services Provider*
Erin Kemper, *Middle School English and Social Studies Teacher*
Thomas Keohane, *Music Teacher*
Lucia Kiley, *Elementary English Teacher, English Coordinator*
Yuri Kondratiev, *Middle School French / History and Geography Teacher, Middle School Coordinator*
Anick Kone, *Maternelle Teacher Assistant*
Jasmine Lara, *Student Services Provider*
Simon Le Garrec, *Maternelle French Teacher*
Jacqueline Lopez, *Maternelle English Teacher*
Koralee Mann, *Student Services Provider*
Audrey Michaels, *Elementary English Teacher*
Salma Nashawati, *FLE Teacher*
Sharon Pacheco, *Middle School Spanish Teacher*
Blanche Pagel--Egea, *Elementary French Teacher*
Stephanie Paquette, *Middle School Science Teacher, Coast to Coast Program Leader*

TEAM 2026-2027



Lara Pitocchi, *Maternelle English Teacher*
Robyn Pront, *Substitute Teacher*
Jordane Sanchez, *Elementary French Teacher*
Delphine Souma, *Maternelle Teacher Assistant*
Ian Vaughan, *Elementary English Teacher*
Mélanie Verchère, *Elementary French Teacher*
Julie Villette, *Maternelle French Teacher*
Donna Yazbeck, *Maternelle Teacher Assistant*

STAFF

Bénédicte Brouder, *Head of School*
Melinda Campano, *Director of Finance and Administration*
Dana Copley, *Director of Facilities*
Amanda Freislich, *Administrative Assistant*
Virginie Gherardi, *Director of Extracurricular Activities and Maternelle Administrator*
Eloise Hodge, *School Nurse*
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Brian Pruvost, *Education Administrator*
Robin Shapiro, *School Counselor*
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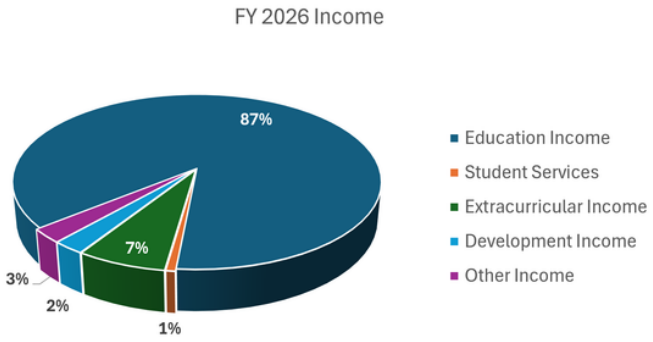
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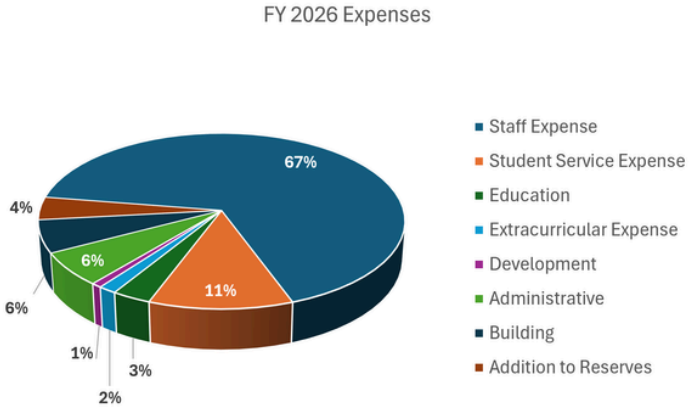
Intellectual Curiosity **Respect** **Empathy** **Integrity**

2026 FISCAL YEAR

		Jul 25 - Jun 26	
Income			
	EDUCATION INCOME	$4,083,655.00	87%
	STUDENT SERVICES	$34,363.69	1%
	EXTRACURRICULAR INCOME	$320,030.59	7%
	DEVELOPMENT INCOME	$113,368.53	2%
	OTHER INCOME	$122,463.47	3%
Total Income		**$4,673,881.28**	

Expense			
	STAFF EXPENSE	$3,125,696.00	67%
	STUDENT SERVICES EXPENSE	$531,401.00	11%
	EDUCATION	$144,303.00	3%
	EXTRACURRICULAR EXPENSE	$66,972.00	1%
	DEVELOPMENT	$38,095.70	1%
	ADMINISTRATIVE	$289,620.58	6%
	BUILDING	$280,923.00	6%
	ADDITION TO RESERVES	$196,870.00	4%
Total Expense		**$ 4,673,881.28**	





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SCHOOL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Experiential Learning

The 2025-2026 grant from the American Society of the French Legion of Honor continued to supplement the FASRI annual field trip budget. Our students participated in several beloved experiential learning opportunities throughout the year:

- Maternelle students completed **swimming lessons** at the East Side/Mount Hope YMCA, earning praise from YMCA staff for their exemplary conduct and focus.
- 1st and 2nd graders took to the ice for **skating sessions** at the Providence Ice Rink.
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders traveled to **Nature's Classroom** for an overnight field trip focused on **ecology and collaborative problem-solving.**
- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders kicked off the school year with a **Nature's Classroom** overnight retreat centered on **community building.**









Coast to Coast Leadership Program (C2C)

The Coast to Coast (C2C) Global Issues Leadership Initiative is a signature Middle School student exchange program initiated by FASRI in 2019. It involves four French-American international schools: the French American School of Rhode Island (FASRI), the French American Academy (FAA), the Austin International School (AIS), and the San Diego French-American School (SDFAS). Combining classroom learning, independent research, fieldwork, and host family exchange trips, students work collaboratively to explore questions of their choosing related to a broad global theme. The 2025-2026 theme focused on food. Partnering with the FAA in New Jersey, FASRI C2C students had the opportunity to meet officials from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to discuss food sustainability, as well as tour Elevate Farms, a facility where leafy greens are grown without soil or synthetic inputs.



AEFE Math Tournament

FASRI enthusiastically engaged in the inaugural edition of the AEFE Math Tournament, held at the International School of Boston. The two-day event gathered eight French-American schools from the AEFE network across North America. Our 16 FASRI students competed in teams of four across the Upper Elementary and Middle School categories, taking home first place in the Middle School category! Building on that success, FASRI will host the next two-day AEFE Math Tournament in March 2027 in Providence, in partnership with Brown University.





Fédération Française de Jeux Mathématiques (FFJM) Worldwide Competition

Following the AEFE Math Tournament, four FASRI students competed in the semi-finals of the FFJM Competition in Boston. Two FASRI students qualified for the national final in Paris, France, and advanced to the worldwide final in Milan, Italy, where they placed in the top tier!



La Course 5K

In October, the second edition of La Course 5K gathered 240 runners and walkers of all ages, a 60% increase in participation from the year before. La Course has become a highly anticipated, exciting, and engaging community gathering that brings together both families and the broader public in a dynamic, warm, and celebratory atmosphere. This event reflects FASRI's core values of friendliness, respect, and collective well-being. Over time, we envision La Course 5K becoming a staple among Providence's fall races, spreading its message of open-mindedness and cross-cultural appreciation throughout Rhode Island.

Thank you to our generous sponsors for their support: **New England Construction, Scott Volkswagen, Tony's Seafood, Anchor Orthodontics, Insomnia Cookies, Marathon Sports, Titan Technology Services, and Washington Trust.**





LE RENDEZ-VOUS GALA





On April 11, 2026, we gathered at Warwick Country Club for **Le Rendez-Vous, our annual fundraising gala.** This year's theme was **"Sea the Future."** Like the ocean that connects distant shores, our community brings together cultures, languages, and perspectives, united by a shared vision of the future and a commitment to contributing meaningfully to society.

We are deeply grateful for the support of our generous sponsors:

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"We give every year because we believe in FASRI's vision, but also because we understand that FASRI is a small school without the vast resources of many larger independent schools. It is a close-knit community, and each of us has a role to play in supporting our shared goals."

"I love seeing FASRI students in the community, locally and beyond. They are given opportunities to interact with the world around them, making observations, learning, gaining perspective, connecting with others, and making an impact. Through these experiences, they strengthen themselves and those around them."

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear FASRI Community,

At the French American School of Rhode Island, learning in more than one language is part of how our students come to understand the world. They learn to listen closely, consider different perspectives, and find common ground across cultures. The Board of Trustees is grateful to Bénédicte Brouder, our faculty and staff, and our families for making FASRI a place where that kind of learning happens every day.

We want future generations of students to find here what families value today: a strong multilingual education in an open-minded community with deep roots in Rhode Island. Our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan sets out how we will build on those strengths. As trustees, our role is to safeguard the school's financial health and support the Head of School as she puts the plan into practice. We are grateful to the families, alumni, and friends whose generosity helps sustain our programs today and gives FASRI the flexibility to invest in the years ahead.

Ultimately, the measure of our work is what students take with them when they leave FASRI. We want them to leave with the confidence to find their footing in unfamiliar places, the curiosity to ask good questions, and the openness to learn from people whose experiences differ from their own. It is a privilege to serve a school that prepares students to meet the wider world with curiosity, confidence, and an open mind.

With sincere appreciation,
The Board of Trustees

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