

## 2016 Annual Report

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cumberland Educational Foundation “Light a Legacy” banquet was held on April 16, 2016, at the Das Lach Haus. The Light a Legacy Committee offered a night full of magic, comedy and fun with “Magic Norm” to our 255 guests that were in attendance. We had an overwhelming support to the foundation, which we are truly grateful!

A big thank you to Mark Fuller who was our emcee and Lee and Amy Thomas who handled the auctioneering for the evening.

It was an exciting first year for me as president of the Cumberland Educational Foundation. In June, we held our annual meeting and elected trustees and officers for 2016-2017. Brenda Kupferschmidt was elected as our new Treasurer. We also welcomed back Vice President, Casey Rohl; Secretary, Jeanette Olsen; and trustees Erica Miller; Jordan Erickson; Jon Hile and Barry Rose. The newest member to our Board is trustee Ashley Knutson. Please join me in thanking Adam Skinner for his dedicated service over the last six years to the Foundation. One of the many reasons for the success of the Cumberland Educational Foundation is the spirit of service exemplified by the leadership of the Board of Directors. We have a dedicated group of volunteers - from our trustees to those who work on the Light a Legacy banquet - who continue to give their time and talents to the Foundation. We have wonderful teachers, who propose interesting ideas for enriching the education of Cumberland’s students.

We are proud to report this was the 11<sup>th</sup> year of awarding a grant. The Board of Trustees takes great pride in awarding the \$15,000 grant to the “S.M.A.R.T.” Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training program at the Elementary School, submitted by first grade teacher Gina Grewe. This program is a multi-sensory, child-friendly, movement-based approach to learning. The activities develop the readiness skills needed for academic success in reading, writing and listening. This research-based system increases physiological and neurological readiness in the brain by activating the brain stem. Grants are made possible, with over \$37,000 raised this year from alumni and friends of Cumberland Schools.

Thank you for your generosity, time and energy in support of the Cumberland Educational Foundation. To date, alumni and friends have raised over \$500,000 for the Foundation with \$200,000 being awarded in grants. You all play a vital role in the success of the Cumberland School District

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Olson, President