

*Cumberland Educational Foundation*  
*Inspiring Excellence, One Grant at a Time*  
*2022 Report*

Greetings from the Cumberland Educational Foundation. I hope this letter finds you and yours enjoying the sunshine and the last few days of winter as we transition to spring in the Northwoods.

In 2022 we started to see things return to normal. With the return of an in-person "Light a Legacy" banquet, along with some of the technology we used in 2021, we were able to make last year's event one of the most successful to date! Of course, none of this would have been possible without the participation and generosity of our supporters, both near and far! It is truly the giving nature of our community that allows for groups such as ours to unite and overcome challenges, all for the good of our youth.

It has been a pleasure to have been asked to be a part of the Cumberland Educational Foundation and I really enjoyed my first year! In June we held our annual meeting and elected trustees and officers for 2022-2023. Returning as our Treasurer is Shay Horton and our Secretary is DeAnn Walters. Returning Trustees are Kellsey Ruppel, Kelli Torrison, and Dr. Barry Rose. Jessica Richards accepted the position of Vice President, and I have accepted the role of President. We welcome our newest board members Emily Schutte and Connie Lussier. Please join me in extending a heartfelt thank you to Ashley Knutson and Travis Erickson for their years of dedication and service to the Educational Foundation. Their knowledge, enthusiasm, and leadership are perfect examples of why the Cumberland Educational Foundation has been successful and they have very large shoes to fill! We have a loyal 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. The creativity of the staff who continue to bring forth brilliant ideas for enriching the education of Cumberland's students is incredible.

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that we have chosen two applicants to receive grants in 2023. The first was presented by Agricultural teacher Aliana Meyer and Food Service Supervisor Beth Ranallo and their proposal for "Encouraging Growth." This grant is an education program designed to help students grow physically, academically, and socially! The program will involve the purchase of three Flex Farms to enable students to plant, grow, and harvest lettuce to be used in our school lunches. The second 2023 grant recipient is Nordic Sports, a proposal submitted by 7/8th Grade teacher Mr. Isaac Lundquist will encourage outdoor learning and activity! This grant proposal will support outdoor learning with the purchase of snowshoes to allow students to navigate the local school forest in a more accessible manner. Along with that, several pairs of specialty skis will be added to the school's collection to allow students to learn, practice, and excel in classic and skate-style skiing.

To date, alumni and friends have raised over \$552,000 for the foundation, with \$272,00 being awarded in grants. These types of numbers are only made possible by your generous and unwavering support. You all play a pivotal role in the success of the Cumberland School District.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our 2023 Light a Legacy Gala Event on April 22, 2023, at the Das Lach Haus Banquet Center. We will continue to have in-person and online options to allow support both in-person and from the comfort of your home, wherever that may be! Please look for more details to come. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Weaver in the district office at 715-822-5124.

In closing, I want to say that it is a true honor to be a part of the Cumberland Educational Foundation, but more importantly, a member of this wonderful community. I have been lucky enough to have grown up in this community and I've seen and felt your generosity firsthand. I truly believe we have given our children outstanding educational opportunities and have inspired them to become the best people they can be. None of which would be possible without every one of you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacob Lundquist, President