

### **What is the ICCSD Foundation?**

The Iowa City Community School District Foundation was founded in 1981 to raise private funds to support programs and services designed to enhance the educational experience of all students within the District – particularly programs that are not supported through the District’s budget. The ICCSD Foundation’s goal is to reach every child, every year. Our work enhances student learning across all grade levels and subject areas, including music, art, language arts, science, social studies, math and physical education. The Foundation actively solicits donations from individuals and businesses in the community to support our mission.

The ICCSD Foundation works closely with Superintendent of Schools, Steve Murley, and District administrative staff, to align our support to the goals of the District.

### **What is the Academic Booster Club?**

The Academic Booster Club is just another way that individuals and businesses can donate to support the Foundation’s mission. All “members” receive a colorful window decal that can be displayed in a car or storefront window.

There are no meetings or committee assignments - just a fun way to show your support for ICCSD schools!

### **What will the money from the Academic Booster Club be used for?**

All funds from the Academic Booster Club program go directly to the Excellence Fund to support grants for educational enhancement programs and services.

### **What is the Excellence Fund?**

The Excellence Fund is an unrestricted fund that addresses critical unfunded needs in our schools. Each year, the Foundation makes grants to the district from the Excellence Fund. Past grants have funded everything from literacy materials and classroom technology to field trips and visiting authors.

In 2010-11, the ICCSD Foundation awarded over \$53,000 in grants to programs including School of the Wild, Symphony Goes to School, Visiting Author, Maia Quartet’s “Democracy in Music” program, Science Discovery Kits for early childhood classrooms, APPLE grants for at-risk students, and the purchase of Iowa Teen Award books for junior high libraries. A full listing of 2010-11 grants can be found at our web site at <http://www.iccsdfoundation.org/excellencefund.htm>.

Applications for Excellence Fund grants are accepted each year from December-February, and 2011-12 Excellence Fund grants will be announced at the Foundation’s “Education is Everybody’s Business” breakfast on May 18.

### **Does the Foundation raise money for specific schools?**

Yes, the Foundation administers funds for all of the elementary, junior high, and high schools in the District, and assists schools in conducting capital campaigns. However, the Academic Booster Club and

the Excellence Fund are designed to support programs that touch schools and students across the District.