

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT IS THE WATERFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION?

Founded in 1984, the Waterford Foundation for Public Education is 501 (c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing community support for the Waterford School District.

## HOW IS THE ORGANIZATION DIFFERENT FROM SCHOOL PTSA ORGANIZATIONS?

We are the only organization in our community that supports all schools in the district. PTSA organizations do a great job raising funds for projects within specific schools but the Waterford Foundation for Public Education supports a broad range of innovative programs or projects that enhance curricular and extracurricular opportunities for students across the district.

## WHERE DOES THE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS COME FROM?

We are supported by private gifts given by individuals who are committed to supporting the Waterford School District. Funding is provided through donations and/or fundraising activities such as the Annual Golf Outing or sponsorship opportunities.

## WHAT IMPACT DOES THE WATERFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION MAKE FOR WATERFORD STUDENTS?

Since our organization's establishment in 1984, we have distributed over \$2 million (approximately \$100,000 annually) in classroom grants to support student learning. Scholarships are awarded annually to students who possess social talents and gifts and have the potential to make substantial social contributions. We provide recognition programs such as Select Fifty, an annual recognition of outstanding seniors within the district; Durant High School Most Improved, for students who have made significant improvements in their academic standing; and Teacher of the Year, an annual recognition honoring outstanding district educators.

#### WHAT ARE THE WAYS ONE CAN GIVE?

#### Cash/Check

Gifts are payable to Waterford Foundation for Public Education. Mail to: Waterford Foundation for Public Education, P.O. Box 300681, Waterford, MI 48330

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