

# THE W FOUNDATION:

## *A Wakefield Community Schools Organization*

“A *foundation* is a non-governmental entity that is established as a nonprofit corporation or a charitable trust, with a purpose of making grants to organizations, institutions, or individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes.”

Wakefield Elementary, Middle and High School are joining together to form a foundation that has the shared goal of making our schools the best they can be for our children. The foundation will be funded by the Wakefield community and will focus on a range of educational needs. The foundation will help ensure the continuing excellence of the three schools serving the Wakefield Community in an environment of unrelenting school budget cutbacks. **The foundation will provide funds beyond what is allowed through local, state and federal appropriations as well as PTSA budgets.**

### What the PTSA can do...

- Encourage involvement of Wakefield families and community by promoting quality education and hosting activities to benefit students and staff.
- Raise money to fund PTSA - sponsored programs, activities and events including teacher and staff appreciation, teacher resources, teacher grants, field trips and technology.
- Donating is easy though participation in fundraisers and by giving your time and talents as a volunteer.
- Donations are tax-deductible because the PTSA is a tax-exempt non-profit organization 501 (c) (3).
- For more information, to join or to volunteer, go to the following websites:  
[wespta.org/](http://wespta.org/)  
[www.wakefieldmiddleschoolpta.org](http://www.wakefieldmiddleschoolpta.org)  
<http://wakefieldhspta.org>

### What the Foundation can do...

- Encourage involvement of the Wakefield community - businesses, corporations and citizens.
- Raise money to fund positions, personnel, programs and resources needed at each of the Wakefield Schools.
- Secure funding for innovative projects which cannot be funded by local, state or federal dollars or the PTSA.
- Focus on expanding and enhancing both the visual and performing arts programs at all 3 Wakefield Schools.
- Support teachers and staff in order to attract, reward and retain outstanding district personnel.
- Award academic scholarships to students for tutoring, summer course work and college.
- Donating is easy through automatic drafts, single and corporate matched donations and one-time donations.
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### How you can help...

We are seeking volunteers who can assist us with establishing our Foundation. If you're interested in making a difference in the Wakefield community, please complete email Assistant Principal, Ms. Hanna at:

**[ehanna@wcpss.net](mailto:ehanna@wcpss.net)**

**EVERY STUDENT, TEACHER & STAFF MEMBER will benefit from the new community schools foundation. We want your help. Come join us. Get involved today. Follow the Wakefield Community on Twitter @Wakefieldstrong**