

# Funding Futures FAQs

## What is Funding Futures?

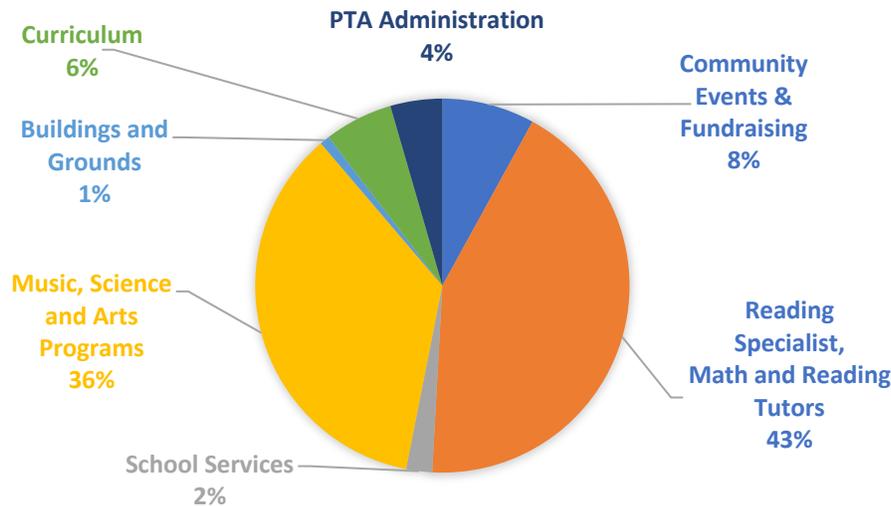
Funding Futures is Laurelhurst Elementary’s Annual Campaign to fund the PTA’s operating budget. 100% of contributions go directly to our kids and teachers! It’s up to you! **If you do your part, this will be the only school-wide donation asked of you.**

**Our goal is to raise \$200,000 in two weeks!**

## What does my contribution support?

Would it surprise you to know that our PTA contributions have a huge impact on the quality of education here at Laurelhurst Elementary? This year alone the PTA is investing \$750 per student for the 2018-2019 school year.

### 2018-2019 LAURELHURST PTA PROGRAMS



This money supports essential programs that the district does not fund, including: a dedicated reading specialist, reading and math tutors, music and art, science and literacy enrichment, field trips and much more.

## How much should I give?

If you can cover the cost of your own children’s PTA enrichment, please give that amount or more. The numbers break down as follows:

\$750 per school year per student

\$65 per month per student

With 180 school days that equates to only \$4 per day!

Please remember that donations at all levels make a difference. Some families in our school community may be unable to contribute (we have 25% of our school population on free and reduced lunch), so we encourage you to consider sponsoring additional students at Laurelhurst.

### **How do I make my donation?**

We want this to be easy for you. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, a pledge card and blue envelope will come home with your child in Kid Mail. Please indicate the amount you can give or check the box if you are unable to give at this time. Instructions to pay via credit card or check will be included on the pledge card. **We are counting on 100% participation in returned pledge cards (incentives will be provided at different giving levels). Remember, if we don't hit our goal valuable programs will be lost.**

### **How is this donation different from my donation to Friends of Laurelhurst Foundation ("FOLF")?**

Your gift to the PTA goes directly to the PTA operating budget. FOLF donations augment the PTA's annual budget and support longer term initiatives.

### **Are my gifts tax deductible?**

Yes! The Laurelhurst PTA is a registered non-profit organization. Our tax identification number is 91- 1093520.

### **What about corporate matching?**

Absolutely! Please submit corporate matching forms if your employer matches charitable giving to double your contribution.

### **When does the campaign happen?**

The campaign runs from October 19<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our goal is 100% participation, at any level.

### **Is this replacing the auction?**

Yes and no. Our community likes to come together and celebrate, but auctions are increasingly labor intensive and expensive. Therefore, our fundraising efforts will be directed to Funding Futures. We understand our school community values bringing families together so stay tuned for more information on a variety of grade-specific and all-school sign-up parties as well as a community-wide adult only party on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. Mark your calendars!

**Thank you for being a part of our amazing community and supporting the 2018 Laurelhurst Elementary PTA Funding Futures Campaign!**

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