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### Our Mission

To engage the Portage Township community in support of educational innovations that improve student achievement

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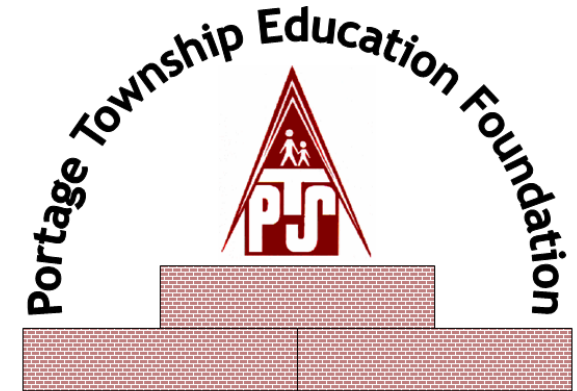
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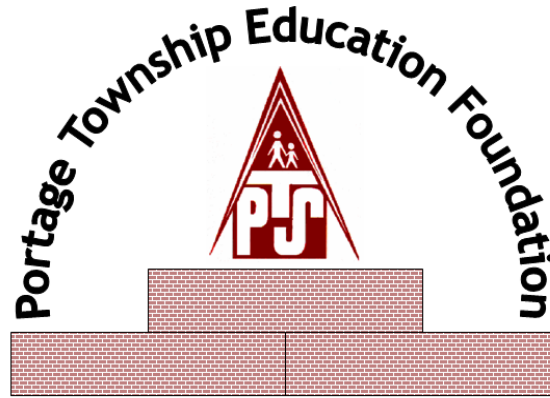
*Together, we succeed*

# “Supporting educators and students in their efforts to innovate and achieve”

## Our

### Founding Partners

2006 Portage Mayoral Ball  
An Anonymous Friend of the Foundation  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Berta, Jr.  
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Crisman Elementary School PTO  
Denis E. Ribordy Charitable Trust  
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Skillman Corporation  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Chris Vaughan  
Olga & Julio Velazquez-In Memory of Michelle Siroky



### Our Funding Plan

#### Grants

Over \$55,000 in grants have been awarded during our first four funding cycles, allowing teachers to create innovative projects which will enable their students to achieve in school, in work, and in life.

#### Educator Honors

We welcome the opportunity to identify and honor exemplary educators and others in the Portage learning community committed to making a difference in the life of a child.

#### Teacher Wish Lists

Granting a teacher's smallest request can often unleash the 'power of passion' in the classroom. Their need is constant, and donations of any size will allow us to continually support the educators we strive to serve.

### Our Current Financial Strategy

#### Initial Endowment Fund

The foundation has created an initial and ongoing endowment fund with large dollar contributions from our founding partners. Investments from this endowment and continued contributions will allow PTEF to support its funding plan. Along with other benefits of contribution, founding and sustaining partners will receive permanent recognition on our PTEF 'Partners Wall' near the Field House entrance of Portage High School.

#### Other fundraising events include:

- ⇒ Annual Membership Drive
- ⇒ Employee Payroll Deduction
- ⇒ Employer Matching Programs
- ⇒ Bequests/Living Trust Gifting
- ⇒ Founders' Reception
- ⇒ Wine Tasting / Silent Auction
  
- ⇒ And much more

*“Promoting Private Commitments  
to Public Education”*