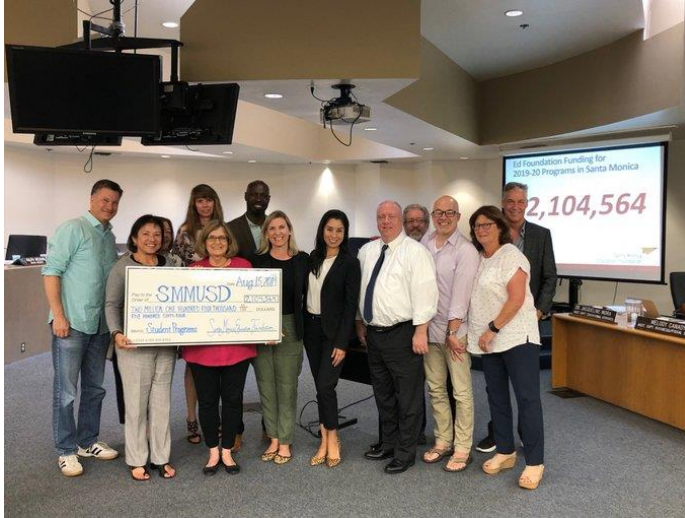


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The Santa Monica Education Foundation presents \$2,104,564 to the SMMUSD. Photo: Courtesy.

SMMUSD Receives \$2.1 Million Grant

Santa Monica Education Foundation donates \$2,104,564 to fund programs in Santa Monica schools

By Keldine Hull

On August 15, at a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education meeting, the Santa Monica Education Foundation granted the district \$2,104,564 to fund programs in Santa Monica schools for the 2019- 2020 school year.

According to a Santa Monica Education Fund press release, “the grant will fund approximately 70 classroom aides at Santa Monica elementary schools, as well as weekly arts classes for every elementary student. The funds will also support enrichment grants at each school, which allow schools to provide important arts, STEM, academic or health and wellness programs for their students.”

The majority of grant contributions came from local parents, community members and businesses. \$333,000 of the grant was raised at the Santa Monica Wine Auction, the Ed Foundation’s signature community event.

“With California state funding for TK-12 education continuing to fall behind other states, I am so grateful to each of the donors who gave during our annual campaign,” said Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. “They have personally helped enriched the education of our Santa Monica public schools and shown that they believe in the promise of public education.”