



# **2026 Annual Report**

**Presented to the Laramie County School District 1 Board of Trustees**

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## Our Mission and Partnership with LCSD1

In 2026, the Foundation awarded \$22,940 for seven classroom projects and continued bringing our community together to expand opportunities for LCSD1 students.

The Cheyenne Schools Foundation expands academic, personal, and vocational opportunities for LCSD1 students by funding programs and experiences beyond what the district budget can support.

That purpose led the Board of Trustees to ask district administrators to establish the Foundation in 1995. Trustees, administrators, and Foundation directors have changed over the years, but our mission and commitment to students have remained constant.

The Foundation is an independent nonprofit with strong ties to LCSD1. Our board reflects that partnership, with designated seats for representatives of the Board of Trustees, district administration, school administrators, teachers through the Cheyenne Teachers Education Association, and parents through the Parent Advisory Committee. At-large directors bring additional perspectives from the local community.

Our success relies on the support from the administration, educators, parents, and the community.



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# 2026/2027 Grants: Ideas into Action

| Project                                     | Educator         | School       | Amount          | Students     |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Noel Science Grants</b>                  |                  |              |                 |              |
| Equitable Access to High Level Physics      | Michael Loveland | East         | \$4,500         | 100          |
| Bluetooth Sensors for Physics               | Matt Hettchen    | Central      | 9,770           | 359          |
| <b>Total Noel Science Grants</b>            |                  |              | <b>\$14,270</b> | <b>459</b>   |
| <b>Excellence in Education Grants</b>       |                  |              |                 |              |
| Unified Champion School                     | Hana Lerwick     | Coyote Ridge | \$3,500         | 33           |
| <b>Total Excellence in Education Grants</b> |                  |              | <b>\$3,500</b>  | <b>33</b>    |
| <b>Student Enrichment Grants</b>            |                  |              |                 |              |
| Reading Library for French Learners         | Sarah Evans      | McCormick    | \$1,055         | 41           |
| Bringing Microscopes Back to Life           | Alicia Vonberg   | Central      | 1,485           | 1,180        |
| Hands-on Theatre                            | Annika Nelson    | Johnson      | 1,500           | 105          |
| CS Capstone Tour                            | Anna McClure     | Central      | 1,130           | 325          |
| <b>Total Student Enrichment Grants</b>      |                  |              | <b>\$5,170</b>  | <b>1,841</b> |
| <b>Total 2026/2027 Grants</b>               |                  |              | <b>\$22,940</b> | <b>2,333</b> |

The Run for #1 brings our community together, and our sponsors help make it possible. But the heart of everything we do is helping teachers turn great ideas into extraordinary opportunities for students.

Every teacher knows the frustration of imagining what could be—then realizing the budget won't stretch far enough. The Cheyenne Schools Foundation helps bridge that gap for District 1 teachers, providing funding to bring their ideas to life and give students experiences they might otherwise miss.

| <b>CLASSROOM FUNDING SUMMARY</b> |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| By Subject                       | Amount | Number |
| STEM Related                     | 50%    | 32%    |
| Decorative/Performing Arts       | 27%    | 33%    |
| English Language Literacy        | 12%    | 16%    |
| Instruction & Methodology        | 4%     | 4%     |
| World Languages                  | 4%     | 11%    |
| All Others                       | 3%     | 4%     |
| By Grade Level                   |        |        |
| Elementary                       | 53%    | 61%    |
| Junior High                      | 12%    | 10%    |
| High School                      | 35%    | 29%    |
| By Grant Class                   |        |        |
| Noel Science                     | 13%    | 2%     |
| Excellence in Education          | 41%    | 25%    |
| Student Enrichment               | 46%    | 73%    |
| By Designation                   |        |        |
| Title I Schools                  | 30%    | 31%    |

| <b>FUNDING IMPACT</b> |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Classroom Grants      | \$1,211,627        |
| Awards/Incentives     | 93,568             |
| Special Projects      | 47,000             |
| <b>Total Impact</b>   | <b>\$1,352,195</b> |

The **Student Enrichment Grant** provides up to \$1,500 per grant for classroom-based projects.

The **Excellence in Education Grant** provides up to \$3,500 per grant for projects that involve multiple classrooms and/or schools and have a strong community connection.

The **Pat Noel Science Grant** provides up to \$10,000 for exceptional science projects. The project must involve many students and have a multiple year impact.

# The Run for #1 – Our Annual 5K

This year's Run for #1, held September 19 at Central High School, raised more than \$25,000 to support the Foundation's grants for LCSD1 students. Increased sponsor support helped offset a modest decline in attendance and boosted the amount available for grants by \$1,900 over 2025 — a wonderful reflection of our community's continued commitment to students.

The 2027 event is tentatively scheduled for September 18. We look forward to building on this year's success!



We look forward to seeing you in 2027!

## 2026 Run for #1 Race Winners

|           | Women              | Men             |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Overall:  | Heidi McCarty      | Dan McIntosh    |
| Under 15: | Mia Pearlman       | Zilen Miller    |
| 15-19:    | Adrienne Howard    | Giffin Cotton   |
| 20-29     | Kayla Kinsley      | Joshua Bujarski |
| 30-39     | Catherine Hartmann | Andrew Wood     |
| 40-49     | Janelle Rose       | Andrew Rose     |
| 50-59     | Coeur Stone        | Cameron Lally   |
| 60-69     | Lynda Lavine       | Steven Sue      |
| 70+       | -                  | Brent Weigner   |

**Register  
Today!!!**



| EVENT REVENUE               | 2026             | 2025             | 2024             |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Registrations               | \$3,312          | \$3,556          | \$3,382          |
| Net Raffle Tickets          | 175              | 170              | 0                |
| Donations                   | 484              | 583              | 976              |
| <b>Total Event Revenue</b>  | <b>\$3,971</b>   | <b>\$4,309</b>   | <b>\$4,358</b>   |
| EVENT EXPENSES              |                  |                  |                  |
| Permits/Insurance, Etc      | (328)            | (528)            | (700)            |
| Timing                      | (771)            | (788)            | (884)            |
| Marketing                   | (651)            | (995)            | (1,012)          |
| Promo Item (hats/t-shirts)  | 0                | (1,279)          | (2,714)          |
| Awards & Incentives         | (3,330)          | (3,409)          | (3,434)          |
| <b>Total Event Expenses</b> | <b>(\$5,080)</b> | <b>(\$6,999)</b> | <b>(\$8,744)</b> |
| <b>EVENT FINAL</b>          | <b>(\$1,109)</b> | <b>(\$2,690)</b> | <b>(\$4,386)</b> |
| Sponsorships                | \$22,250         | \$21,250         | \$24,000         |
| LCSD1 Payroll Deduction     | 4,955            | 5,469            | 5,391            |
| <b>AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS</b> | <b>\$26,096</b>  | <b>\$24,029</b>  | <b>\$25,005</b>  |

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Newton and Dr. Delbridge for welcoming the Run for #1 to Central High School. With direct access to the Cheyenne Greenway and nearby residential streets with light traffic, Central provides a wonderful setting for bringing our community together.

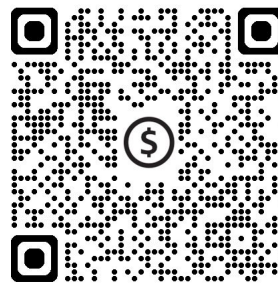
We're also grateful to the banks, cheer squads, ROTC, and volunteers from F.E. Warren Air Force Base whose energy and dedication helped make this year's event fun, welcoming, and safe.



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**Register for the Run**



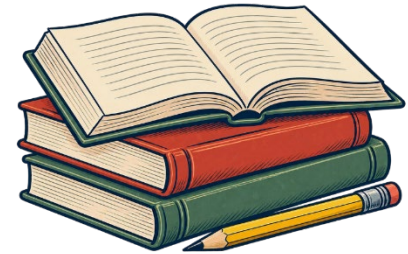
**Make a Donation**



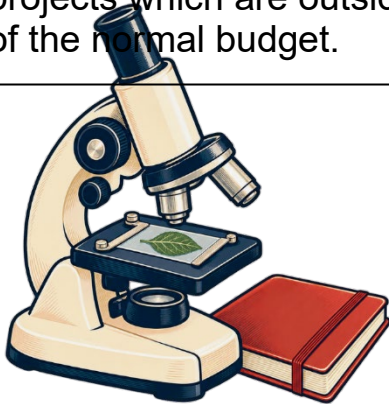
**Become a Sponsor**

# Financial Statements

| ASSETS                   | 2026             | 2025             | 2024             |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash on Deposit          | \$397,660        | \$388,503        | \$415,449        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>      | <b>\$397,660</b> | <b>\$388,503</b> | <b>\$415,449</b> |
|                          |                  |                  |                  |
| LIABILITIES              |                  |                  |                  |
| Accounts Payable         | \$0              | \$0              | \$0              |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       |



**The Foundation's Mission** is to enhance education by providing grants to classroom teachers in Laramie County School District 1 for innovative projects which are outside of the normal budget.



| Income                      | 2026            | 2025              | 2024              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net Revenue from Event      | \$26,096        | \$24,029          | \$25,005          |
| Dividends/Interest          | 7,244           | 7,193             | 7,268             |
| Other Donations             | 613             | 2,767             | 0                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>         | <b>\$33,953</b> | <b>\$33,989</b>   | <b>\$32,273</b>   |
|                             |                 |                   |                   |
| Expense                     |                 |                   |                   |
| Director Bond               | \$672           | \$635             | \$634             |
| Advertising                 | 954             | 900               | 900               |
| Misc. Expenses              | 230             | 0                 | 135               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>       | <b>\$1,856</b>  | <b>\$1,535</b>    | <b>\$1,669</b>    |
|                             |                 |                   |                   |
| Grants Awarded              |                 |                   |                   |
| Classroom Grants            | \$22,940        | \$59,400          | \$54,734          |
| <b>Total Grants</b>         | <b>\$22,940</b> | <b>\$59,400</b>   | <b>\$54,734</b>   |
|                             |                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Net Change in Assets</b> | <b>\$9,157</b>  | <b>(\$26,946)</b> | <b>(\$24,130)</b> |

**We Need Your Support.** To continue our mission and fund projects that make a difference in the education of students throughout the District, we need you to support the Run for #1, make a donation, and encourage businesses to become sponsors.

**Donate today.**



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Please join us in thanking them and supporting  
their businesses.**

# School Awards and Recognitions



**DILDINE**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
*HOME OF THE DOLPHINS*

For the twelfth consecutive year and sixteen of the last seventeen years, the staff at Dildine Elementary School have raised more money for the Foundation than any other elementary school.

Congratulations to Principal Keri Peacock and special thanks to Shelly Davis for her ongoing support for the Foundation.



**WILLADSEN**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
*SOARING TO SUCCESS*

For the second consecutive year, Willadsen Elementary School has won the Highest Student Participation Rate for elementary schools with nearly 100% student participation.

Congratulations to Principal McKenzie Yarter and everyone at Willadsen.



**McCORMICK**  
JR HIGH SCHOOL  
*HOME OF THE WARRIORS*

McCormick Junior High School also won both awards for their category. They have won the Most Money Raised award for five consecutive years and the Participation Rate award for three of the last five years.

Congratulations and thank you to Principal Jeff Hatcliff and his staff.



**CENTRAL**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
*HOME OF THE TRIBE*

Thank you to Dr. Karen Delbridge, Wyoming's 2026 Secondary Principal of the Year, and her staff at Central High for the use of their facilities for the Run for #1 and congratulate them on winning both the Most Money Raised and Highest Student Participation Rate for High Schools.

This is the second consecutive year that they've won both awards.