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The Piedmont Educational Foundation: Supporting Piedmont Schools since 1975
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- **PEF** is a community-based Kindergarten through 12th grade school support organization.
- **PEF's** mission is to promote academic excellence, champion innovation and provide sustained financial support to the Piedmont school system.
- **PEF** provides financial support through its grants program and annual distributions from the Endowment Fund.
- **PEF** publishes the Piedmont Student Directory.
- **PEF** actively seeks donations in support of Piedmont schools through the **Foundation Fund** and the **Partners in Education** program, which are used to finance innovative grants, and to the **Endowment Fund**, which are invested in perpetuity with annual distributions to the District to support designated priorities.
- **PEF** receives a substantial donation each year from **Dress Best for Less**, Piedmont's upscale resale store, which is used to support its grants program and to meet the needs and goals of the District.
- **PEF** receives donations from its **Partners in Education**, local businesses that support excellence in public education, which are currently used to fund grants for District-wide professional development.
- **PEF** provided **\$394,191** in funds to the District during the 2008-2009 school year, including: \$235,589 in grants in support of enrichment/resource opportunities, innovative science and technology equipment for the middle and high schools, technology upgrades for the elementary school libraries, and District-wide program initiatives; and \$158,602 from the PEF Endowment Fund to support K-12 counseling, elementary library services, and elective and AP/Honors courses in the middle and high schools in 2009-2010.
- **PEF** feature grants include materials for hands-on experiments and microscopes for the Physical, Life Sciences and AP Biology classes in the high school, community resource specialists for the middle school science classes, web-based cataloging system for the elementary school libraries, and an online learning pilot program and data assessment system for students District-wide.
- **PEF** has pledged to provide leadership and financial support to the District for conducting K-12 educational long-range planning and priority setting. This project plans to engage the District and the community to develop a strategy that would guide continuous improvement of the District's educational program strengths, priorities, and opportunities.
- **PEF** launched a campaign in 2000 to build the Endowment Fund to \$5,000,000 in order to generate a significant, stable source of income for the Piedmont schools in the amount of \$250,000 (5% of the Endowment Fund balance) per year; to date, cash and pledges total over **\$3,700,000**.