## WHAT WE ARE



Wattsburg Area School District Foundation is local educational foundation which is a non-profit organization that raises private dollars to complement existing school budgets and encourages community and alumni involvement in schools.

All funds raised by WASDF are used to directly benefit students of the Wattsburg Area School District.

### OUR MISSION

The Wattsburg Area School District Foundation directly supports programs and activities that enhance student educational experiences.

## WHAT WE DO

The Foundation aims to develop relationships with WASD educators, local businesses, district residents, and alumni to increase public involvement in the district's schools, and also garner moral and financial support for activities that enhance student educational experiences such as:

- Scholarships
- Mini-grants (awarded to teachers to be of direct benefit to our students)
- Technology
- Teaching tools
- Academic programs, staff and student enrichment, special projects, or other needs that cannot be met by traditional public funding sources

While operating independently of the Wattsburg Area School District School Board of Directors, District Staff, and District Administration, WASDF works closely with all in order to fully understand the needs of the District and students.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Wattsburg Area School District Foundation can be a doorway for the District to apply for grants that they may otherwise be ineligible for.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED

## QUESTIONS



tax deductible? A: YES! The WASDF is a non-profit agency under IRS Code Section 501(c)3,

Are my donations

therefore donations are tax deductible.

#### Are you different than the PTO?

A: YES, although we share a similar goal of providing and enhancing educational opportunities for our students. The WASDF supports the entire district rather than focusing on one school. Our intention is to plan fundraising events, assist the District in obtaining grant funds, and be a conduit for funds that cannot be directly given to the District. We are a separate agency supporting the students in the District.

## Are your Board meetings open to the public?

A: YES! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month in the Wattsburg Area Middle School Library at 7pm. Please "like" us on Facebook for meeting reminders and/or updates.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

The Foundation directly supports programs and activities that enhance student and family school experiences. Your support of the Foundation is greatly appreciated and can be done through the giving of your time, resources, and/or money. All are great ways of showing your support of students in the Wattsburg Area School District!

### **VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME**

WASDF needs support on its volunteer committees to organize events, garner support, and reach new partners that will benefit students and our schools. Contact us if you are able to lend your time!

#### **IN-KIND AND MONETARY GIFTS**

WASDF greatly appreciates your consideration of gift giving. **All gifts are tax deductible** and can support projects, programs, scholarships, teacher grants, and more. Contact us at (814) 566-1720, or <u>WASDFoundation@gmail.com</u> to discuss how your gift can be best utilized.

Donations can be mailed to: Wattsburg Area School District Foundation 10782 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509

### WHO WE ARE

The Wattsburg Area School District Foundation is a collaboration of parents, district teachers and employees, alumni, and community members.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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