

Caledonia Education Foundation

Essentials Fund



The Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) seeks to remove barriers to learning by helping with basic needs.

There are many amazing organizations in our community that walk alongside families in times of need. However, educators are often the first to see or hear about a student's imminent and pressing issue that needs a quick solution. Most often school staff use their own money to address these immediate situations. Schools are not the long-term solution, but they are often best positioned to address the crisis when time is crucial and before families can be connected to local resources and nonprofits for assistance.

Through the partnership with CEF, the Essentials Fund will allow all CCS staff members to request funds that could be quickly made available. A simple request form can be submitted to a district point person who will follow policies on how funds can be used while allowing flexibility to address unforeseen situations. Anonymity will be prioritized to protect the privacy and dignity of students. Accountability for the resources will be kept and shared with the CEF Board of Trustees and CCS Administrators.



Examples of students' needs:

- Groceries for a family faced with unexpected medical bills
- A new tire or a gas card for a family experiencing financial difficulties due to loss of employment
- A home repair for a family in need to make their house safe for the kids living there
- Personal care items such as toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo
- Covering a necessary medical or mental health appointment

CEF is committed to bridging the opportunity gap by enriching and empowering every child in the Caledonia Community Schools.

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