The Ballston Spa Partnership for Innovation in Education Fund

Over five years ago, the school district partnered with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region to receive donations and sponsorships under a 501(c)(3) status. The field of interest fund is used to support the various innovative and mission-related programs throughout the district that include: Sponsor-A-Scholar, Robotics, the Performing & Fine Arts, STEM enrichment initiatives, and the Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School (Clean Tech ECHS). Over 50 partners from business and industry, non-profit organizations and government agencies currently support the Partners in Education program.

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High School students on our F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team 3044 at RIT Awards Ceremony
Partnership for Innovation in Education: Expanding the horizon for life-long learning

Preparing students for jobs that are continually evolving in a world where information is growing exponentially requires educational experiences that provide new tools for teaching, assessment and professional development. Embracing collaboration with regional business and industry, higher education, non-profit organizations and government agencies, the Partnership for Innovation in Education develops innovative educational experiences that help reshape teaching and learning in our district’s schools. Perfectly situated at the confluence of emerging technologies and rich cultural opportunities, our students have the potential to learn from brilliant scientists, world-renowned artists and musicians, committed civic leaders and leading companies as together we support research and development in our K-12 classrooms. Partners in Education recently supporting the district include:

Redefining the Learning Experience In and Out of the Classroom

The Partnership for Innovation in Education supports the following BSCSD initiatives:

Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries
Early College High School – become a sponsor of high school students who will be dually enrolled in high school and college coursework focusing on college and career readiness. College level coursework occurs at Hudson Valley Community College’s TEC-SMART.

US F.I.R.S.T. Robotics and LEGO MINDSTORMS® – inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

STEM Enrichment Initiatives – encourage students to explore the world through the fascinating and ever-changing lens of science, technology, engineering and math in areas such as biomedical science, nanoscience, and sustainability.

Sponsor-A-Scholar – enable at-risk, low-income students who demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to their education to achieve academically through additional support and mentoring to reach their goals of graduating high school and college.

Performing & Fine Arts/Humanities – provide opportunities for students to find their creative, expressive core while learning about the natural and social sciences.