



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

*Built on a 22-year foundation of impassioned interdisciplinary education,
exceptional classroom-based enrichment, a dedicated and tenured faculty,
and unsurpassed outdoor resources.*

Dear Lake Tahoe School Families and Friends,

One walk around our campus or through our hallways shows how difficult it is not to feel a tremendous sense of Bobcat pride in all that you see. Within a span of little more than a year, we have watched as a torn-up and dusty dirt lot has been transformed into a spectacular new Athletic and Performing Arts Center – one that blends in seamlessly with our original academic building.

Wandering the halls during a school day, reveals the sights, sounds, and sometimes even smells of the learning process. From student-led classroom presentations to the group recitations in Spanish class to the smell of Middle School cooking classes – learning is everywhere in the air at Lake Tahoe School.

Unlike most schools, however, learning at LTS takes place virtually anywhere teachers and students will gather. Whether in the new gym for PE or as part of an athletic team or on an overnight field trip to Mt. Rose or the goldfields of California – students and teachers at LTS are active and involved in their own learning.

My own favorite activity is Declamation - when Kindergarteners through seventh-graders share and perform what they have learned in front of parents, families, friends, and strangers alike - oftentimes doing so with great animation and gusto. When eighth-grade students present their own year-long research results in Exhibition, I cannot help but admire their abilities, persistence, and even courage - no matter the grade.

And that's what makes it so wonderful to be a Bobcat: you learn how to appreciate what's put in front of you, to take advantage of opportunities still lurking around the corner, to try something new, and to share and to be compassionate.

Welcome to Lake Tahoe School, where the doors to life-long learning are always open.

Robert E. Graves
Head of School



Lake Tahoe School

AT A GLANCE

138 STUDENTS

21 FACULTY & ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS **5** ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

4 FACILITIES & SECURITY STAFF


56,000 SQ.FT.
MAIN BUILDING

13,000 SQ.FT.
 ATHLETIC & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

4
OUTDOOR
PLAY/RECREATION
AREAS



3 
CAFÉ DAY
LUNCH CHOICES
EACH WEEK

\$5,786,000 DONATIONS, IN-KIND & FOUNDATION SUPPORT

ANNUAL BUDGET **\$3,200,000**

30% STUDENTS RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE

TUITION ASSISTANCE **\$615,000**

BY THE NUMBERS (JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019)

DONATIONS

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| \$215,100 | ANNUAL FUND |
| \$5,571,000 | CAPITAL CAMPAIGN |

REVENUE

| | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| \$3,613,500 | TUITION/ FEES |
| \$215,100 | ANNUAL FUND |
| \$5,838,000 | RESTRICTED/ CAPITAL |
| \$35,300 | OTHER |

EXPENSE

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| \$195,300 | EDUCATIONAL |
| \$2,668,100 | FACULTY & STAFF/GENERAL |
| \$5,600 | FUNDRAISING/ DEVELOPMENT |
| \$257,200 | FACILITIES |
| \$5,838,500 | CAPITAL EXPANSION |

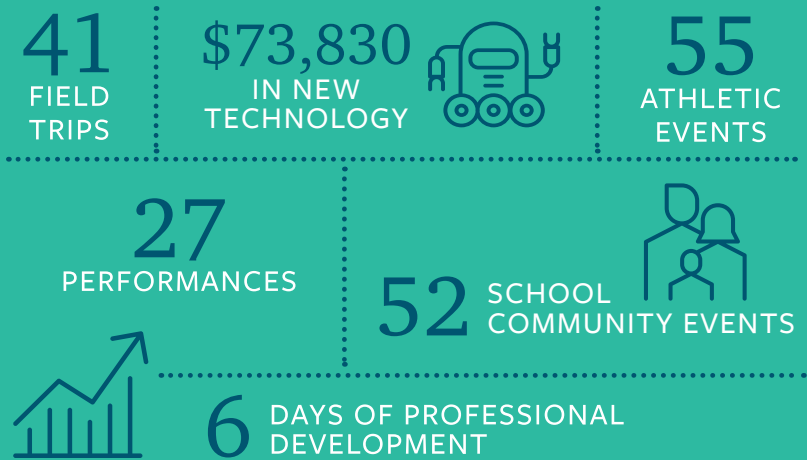
TUITION GAP

THE TUITION GAP FOR EACH STUDENT EQUALED **\$7,815** WHICH REPRESENTS THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN TUITION AND THE ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE EACH STUDENT AT LAKE TAHOE SCHOOL.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

THE SCHOOL PROVIDED MORE THAN **\$615,000** IN TUITION ASSISTANCE TO **30%** OF THE STUDENT COMMUNITY.

EDUCATION ELEVATED



Lake Tahoe School

ANNUAL FUND

\$215,000 RAISED

THE ANNUAL FUND RECEIVED
DONATIONS FROM

32 INDIVIDUAL
DONORS

19 FACULTY
& STAFF

6 FOUNDATIONS,
TRUSTS & FUNDS

SEVERAL LOCAL &
ANONYMOUS DONORS



Donors to the Annual Fund

More than \$215,000 was raised to support endowment, professional development, exemplary educational experiences, and to maximize enrollment and community engagement.

Thank you to our generous donors.

\$100,000+

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\$25,000+

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – 2016 TO 2019

As you know, our multi-year expansion project is nearly complete. Accordingly, the athletic, extracurricular, and arts offerings at Lake Tahoe School (LTS) will soon be greatly enhanced by our new Athletic and Performing Arts Center. Students and visitors will be greeted by the welcoming beauty of a new entrance which will greatly improve safety and security on campus, as well as an improved campus green space, a quiet courtyard, and a beautifully restored creek-side environment.

We have experienced resounding success during the “quiet phase” of the Capital Campaign for these campus enhancements. Thanks to the generosity of our Lake Tahoe School community, we have thus far raised nearly \$17 million of impact for LTS. As we move to the public portion of our Capital Campaign, we will call on the expanded commitment from current LTS families, alumnae, parents, as well as the community at large, to achieve our mission to nurture students to a life-long love of learning with the purpose of developing critical thinkers and articulate, confident leaders.

To all of the present and former families, the more than 125 faculty members, individuals, foundations and corporate sponsors who supported the Capital Campaign thus far, simply: **Thank You!**

And, now we embark on our next campaign to support:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Endowment: | Goal \$1,000,000 |
| Strong Leadership: | Goal \$1,500,000 |
| Academic Excellence: | Goal \$1,500,000 |
| Enrollment & Engagement: | Goal \$1,000,000 |

How would you like to stake your claim and secure the legacy and future of Lake Tahoe School?

Jason Green
Chair, Capital Campaign Committee

Keith O'Donnell
Chair, Development Committee

\$17 Million Raised: 2016-2019

Lake Tahoe School gratefully recognizes these donors for their long-time and continued support of our expansion, growth and sustainability.

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A Generous Donor

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As we embark on a new school year, it's important to reflect and be thankful for our past efforts which provided a foundation for long-term sustainability of the School.

Our accomplishments this past year include:

- Selecting Bob Graves as Head of School. Bob brings in-depth experience and vision to his task.
- Raising new funds to support the completion of the Athletic and Performing Arts Center, a new driveway and expanded outdoor fields, a campus green, and the restoration of Incline Creek
- Successfully reducing the School's mortgage and implementing a fixed payment that now includes principal which allows us to stabilize reserves and better forecast cash needs
- Revising our By-Laws to better reflect governance best practices and the current needs of the school
- Recruiting 3 new board members who bring stellar experience to our leadership team, and continuing to invest in Trustee training and education consistent with our Strategic Plan.

Additionally, with input from our entire school community, we committed to enhancing communications, increasing awareness about tuition assistance, providing professional development opportunities for all staff, and to ensuring our school reflects the values, characteristics and diversity of the wider community.

Please join me in relishing these accomplishments and in driving these new initiatives going forward.

Rob Alston, *Chair*
Board of Trustees



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2018-2019

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Jason Green
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Robert E. Graves (ex officio)



Why Lake Tahoe School?

TENURE OF FACULTY - AVERAGE **8+ years** AT LTS
MORE THAN **160 years** COMBINED COMMITMENT TO LTS

5 DAY PRE-K ₃ & PRE-K ₄, AND KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADES

CLASSROOM-BASED ENRICHMENT PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE:

Art MakerSpace Music Science Spanish
Athletics Differentiated & Interdisciplinary Learning

MORE THAN **11** BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC COACH OUTDOOR EXPLORATION READING/WRITING SPECIALIST

90% OF GRADUATES ADVANCE TO HONORS CLASSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO **1:6**



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