



Introducing the KJ7 Education Foundation

The Kendrick Joint School District has a new partner in its commitment to providing high quality education for our local youth. The **Kendrick Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Education Foundation** will offer opportunities for our community to support our public schools and the students they serve.

We would like to tell you about this exciting development, and answer some questions that may arise. For further information, please don't hesitate to call our office at 208.276.7700, or visit our website at kj7educationfoundation.org.

Foundation Board of Directors: Billie Waide, Sarah McDowell, Tawnya Feldman, Dale Wolff, Dirk Hammond, Jim Brocke and Polly Taylor Dennler.

What is an education foundation, and how can it help?

An education foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that facilitates community fundraising and support activities for the benefit of local public school systems. It can bridge bureaucratic gaps between district and school administrations, school faculty and staff, and concerned community members who want to work together to improve educational opportunities for local youth.

Across our country, school districts are struggling to meet the needs of every student despite budget restrictions and increasing demands to achieve performance goals based on national standards. These pressures can be especially severe in rural areas like ours, where limited tax resources and relative isolation pose special challenges.

Establishing a public school education foundation allows individual communities to take direct action to address these issues, by raising and allotting funds to support designated programs. Working with district and school administrators, foundations can target specific areas for development, based on existing needs and priorities. Over the past thirty years, an estimated 6,500 education foundations have established been in 14,500 US school districts.

How did the KJ7 Education Foundation get started?

The Kendrick Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Education Foundation was officially launched on October 29, 2013, after two years of careful research and preparation by a committee of local community members organized at the invitation of Cal Spangler, past Superintendent of Kendrick Joint School District #283.

In February 2012, the committee began its work by seeking input through announcements in the local community newsletter, requests for individual feedback, and an open community forum. Committee members then spent a year researching applicable regulations, legal requirements and operational guidelines. In February 2013, a professional consultant was hired to offer procedural advice. The committee selected Jim Collogan, Executive Director of the National School Foundation Association (NSFA), an organization dedicated to the development of K-12 education foundations.

After the necessary documentation had been assembled, approved and filed with the appropriate authorities, the Kendrick Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Education Foundation celebrated its official launch with an inaugural open house, and began the exciting work of generating support for our local schools.





What school programs will be supported?

The Foundation will begin by seeking support for student scholarships and additional teaching resources. As fundraising channels are established and additional resources are identified, the range of programs supported will expand.

Scholarship Fund

This program will offer financial support for high school graduates pursuing higher education, to build on the strong basic foundation they receive in our schools, and improve their professional prospects.

Information about applying for scholarships can be requested through our website at kj7educationfoundation.org.

Teaching Resources

This program will provide funding for additional teaching resources to improve the learning experience of students in our schools, based on needs determined in consultation with school administrators and staff. These resources may include:

- Supplementary scholastic materials
- Equipment upgrade or replacement
- Field trips, special camps, and other educational experiences designed to enhance existing programs and curricula.

How can you contribute?

The Foundation offers a variety of ways in which community members can contribute to the vital work of enhancing educational opportunities for local youth. Donations can be made:

- By check, made out to Kendrick Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Education Foundation, and mailed to: **PO Box 503, Juliaetta, ID 83535**
- Via PayPal through our website at kj7educationfoundation.org
- As a legacy gift
- As a memorial gift in honor of a loved one

For further information about any of these options, please contact the Foundation.

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