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Update
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the brookline high school **21st century fund**

local solutions for national challenges in education

Dear Friend,

"What I really value about the Brookline High School 21st Century Fund is that it honors teachers as experts and creators." What a powerful insight this is from BHS English teacher, Gaelen Harrington. Teachers are, without question, the single most important influence on a child's education. The BHS 21st Century Fund not only supports students at the high school; it allows teachers to dream. It allows teachers to think beyond today's standard-driven educational demands where a 'one-size-fits-all' approach is all too often employed. It allows them the opportunity to identify needs and create solutions.

For the past eleven years, the 21st Century Fund has funded innovative programs to enhance the education of Brookline High School students, and has become a national model of innovation for public high schools. In creating real solutions to many of the fundamental challenges facing public education, BHS has become an entrepreneurial engine, and a laboratory for change in our schools.

The Fund has demonstrated a solid record of success with programs such as [BHS Tutorial](#), [Teachers Mentoring Teachers](#), [Good Citizen in a Good Society](#), [African-American Scholars Program](#), and [Freshman Tutorial](#). These programs have all been absorbed into the school budget after the Fund supported the initial pilot programs and validated their success. The Fund's newest endeavor, [The Ithaka Advisory Program](#), provides an opportunity for every BHS student to connect with an adult during their high school experience through an advisory system. Currently, every single freshman and sophomore at BHS is involved in the Ithaka program. Within the next two years, every student at BHS will benefit from Ithaka.

Please consider supporting this organization as you finalize your year-end giving. We need your help to keep this engine of innovation running. The Fund relies strongly on private donations to operate. Investing in public education is an investment in all of our futures. Happy holidays.

Sincerely,

Tony Friscia
Chair, Board of Directors
BHS Parent '09 & '11

Support the 21st Century Fund

We hope you will make a contribution today to keep this engine of innovation running. Click the *Donate Now* button to make a donation online.



Donations can also be made by check. Please make checks payable to *BHS 21st Century Fund* and mail to:

Brookline High School
21st Century Fund
115 Greenough Street
Brookline, MA 02445

Thank you to those that have already sent in contributions.

Voices from Students and Teachers of the 21st Century Fund

Click the link below to watch the Fund's recently released video. Learn more about 21st Century Fund programs and hear directly from the students and teachers that have benefited from them.

If you have trouble viewing the video below, please visit our website at www.bhs21stcenturyfund.org.

[The 21st Century Fund: Leading Innovation in Education](#) from [Dima Tokar](#) on [Vimeo](#).

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