CANFIELD EDUCATION INNOVATION FUND

To promote, encourage, and enhance educational opportunities.

Dear Community Member,

In 2021, the Canfield Education Innovation Fund (CEIF) was established under the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. The CEIF aims to promote, encourage, and enhance educational opportunities that strengthen and enrich student experiences in the Canfield Local School District. Its mission is fulfilled by awarding grants to individuals and teams employed in the district.

Powered by private donations, the CEIF holds various fundraisers throughout the year. Due to overwhelming success in our inaugural year, we will once again be holding *Fortify the Fund: An online auction* this year. The auction will go live on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 and run through Thursday, April 23, 2026.

To make our auction a reality, we need your help! We are seeking experience-based donations such as tickets to a sporting event, a private shopping experience, time at a hotel or rental property, classes at a fitness facility, a kid's birthday party package at a local venue, golf, and more.

We will combine donations from private businesses and families with experiences donated by the Canfield Local School District and staff. This may include an open gym, lunch with a staff member, or securing front-row seats at graduation. We are excited to get the staff involved.

If you are interested in donating an experience, please get in touch with CEIF board member Jen Coleman at 216-533-3844 or by email at mindoverlather@gmail.com.

We are also accepting monetary donations. Become a *Friend of the Fund* at any level: Platinum = $2,500+ , Gold = $1,000, Silver = $500, Bronze = $250. Checks can be made payable to the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. Please write "Canfield Education Innovation Fund" in the memo line. Mail completed checks to:

Attention: Mr. Knoll
Canfield Local School District
100 Wadsworth Street
Canfield, OH 44406

As a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, the CEIF falls under public charity status - **Tax ID number (34-1904353)**. Gifts to the fund offer favorable tax benefits; please consult with a tax advisor to determine eligibility.

Please help us reach our goal of adding $20,000 to the fund this year. We would love to award grants to all staff members that submit a valid proposal. Grants will be accepted and awarded by the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Last year, the fund awarded $26,000 in grants supporting endeavors such as Math Challenge 24 and district Kindness Clubs.

Sincerely,

The Canfield Education Innovation Fund Board