



LIFE

LYME INNOVATION FOR EDUCATION FUND

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

When change is gradual and predictable, our society has demonstrated its ability to steward its educational system to prepare students for their future. In the latter quarter of this century, the rate of change has been far more significant than the previous period. Technology and a rapidly developing global economy have led to the need for students to possess a brand new set of skills. It is time that education have the resources to address these changes.

While these new skills become more common, the foundational skills—critical thinking, creativity, and the ability to effectively interact with others—remain vitally important. Without critical thinking—the ability to evaluate, analyze, and solve problems—the substance of communication is diminished. Without developing children’s creativity, they are limited to only producing familiar or mundane thoughts. Students who do not learn how to interact effectively with others will face challenges as their future relationships are increasingly likely to be with people of different cultural backgrounds.

Public school systems symbolize the collective responsibility we have to one another. In this case that we are each responsible to educate the children of our neighbors. This generational promise is a cornerstone of the American society.



“We didn’t have these programs when I was in school, and I did just fine.” ...



The fact is that past economies did not demand of all individuals what will be demanded of a majority of today’s students.

Our responsibility is to prepare our students for *their* future, not *our* past.

It may be that it will take time to convince our communities that education needs to keep pace with change, however the lack of desire to commit to this reality will be borne by students in the meantime. The goal of this fund is to close the gap between realities: realities of what we should be doing for our students so that they are prepared to excel in tomorrow’s world and the economic realities confronting many of our families in rural New Hampshire today.



Your support will directly shape what that reality will look like for hundreds of today’s students and tomorrow’s citizens. You will also help us provide an example to other communities and schools of what is possible when we partner together to build a future where our students and communities can thrive.

Help Us Reshape Public Education and the Lives of Hundreds of Students

The LIFE fund seeks to raise

\$250,000

in order to continue the current language program for another successful three years. Endowing the LIFE Fund is a long-term goal, bringing sustainable, innovative, and energized education to the Lyme School.

Be a part of what has already made a difference

The LIFE Fund is a local foundation, partnered with the Lyme Foundation, which provides grants to create opportunities to enhance the educational experience for Lyme children by providing financial support for programs which directly benefit students.

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