CME Group Foundation’s 2019–2020 K–12 Innovation Portfolio

The Foundation’s K–12 grants help prepare students to succeed in 21st-century careers. In 2019 and 2020, grantees’ innovative programs provided students with personalized learning, high-quality school leaders, and financial education. Foundation funding also supported research and policy advocacy to improve K-12 STEM education.

$1,075,000 invested in 12 grantees

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Personalized Learning

Leap Innovations empowers educators to personalize their students’ learning. Its training programs reached:

1,447 teachers

46 schools

14,359 students

Leap’s personalized learning approach helped schools transition to a remote learning environment during the COVID-19 crisis.

“W e’ve used personalized learning to train for this. We were ready because we had taught kids self-directed learning strategies, and ensured teachers were able to do online/edtech learning.”

—CPS Elementary School Teacher

School Leadership

The Chicago Public Education Fund worked with 11 partners, who provided educator-centered programming, coaching, and support to:

360 leaders in 284 schools

The George W. Bush Foundation helped four school districts in Texas, Virginia, and Utah implement frameworks it developed with the CME Group Foundation’s support, through which the districts:

1. Launched new and improved principal recruitment and selection processes
2. Invested in training and dedicated capacity for principal supervisors to support and coach their principals
3. Increased supervisors’ desire to make a difference in their district by improving their leadership and skills

Financial Education

Junior Achievement provided in-classroom financial education to 1,430 students

The Greenwood Project’s High School Financial Institute immersed 40 minority students in an intensive 6-week program that introduced them to financial industry careers and increased their financial literacy and 21st-century skills.

STEM Research and Policy

ReadyNation’s annual summit drew over 230 attendees and 160 companies. To secure state funding for early childhood education investments, the network:

1. Met with dozens of state lawmakers, and testified before Illinois’ Board of Education and House Appropriations Committee
2. Disseminated a sign-on letter with early learning budget priorities for 2021—and over 100 signatures from Illinois’ business leaders—to the Governor’s administration and 45 policymakers’ offices

100K in 100 convened 100 people working to identify root causes of the persistent STEM teacher shortage, and who are collaborating to address it by developing materials, toolkits, processes, and campaigns.

Data sources: Arabella Advisors compiled this dashboard using data provided by the CME Group Foundation’s 12 K–12 grantees in August 2020. For questions, contact alexandra.bass@arabellaadvisors.com.