

## ZEF Grants Make an Immediate Impact and Support Teachers

Welcome back! Even though this year may look different, ZEF is pleased to continue our work to support teachers, students, and schools. Your generosity enabled ZEF to make an immediate impact in multiple areas of our school community through the projects below. We will continue working to find ways to help during these unprecedented times.

**ZEF Classroom Grants** - ZEF awarded more than \$12,000 in grants to teachers. Each grant provides unique learning opportunities for students in typical, socially distanced, and remote learning situations. These four grants totaling \$12,160.67 give teachers the tools they need today with an equal look toward future learning. Click [here](#) to learn more about these exciting grants.



**ZCS Video Production Equipment** - Spring circumstances led to an increased need for video communication and the streaming of important milestones for students and families. ZEF provided \$6,059 in funding for equipment to aid in the production of events such as Virtual Graduation, Rachel's First Week, Senior Awards, In-Person Graduation streaming, and a Back to School virtual meeting for all ZCS employees. The equipment will

be used in multiple ways this fall as well as for future events and student instruction for years to come.



**DonorsChoose** - Did you know that ZEF provides matching funds for ZCS teachers' projects on DonorsChoose? DonorsChoose projects help to quickly get instructional tools in the hands of teachers. Their creativity in the current teaching environment shines through in each project we've helped to fund over the last few months. Click [here](#) for matching fund guidelines and thank you to the Community Foundation of Boone County for an annual grant that helps make this program possible!

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## ZEF Bash 2020



Last year, you kicked your heels up at Barn Bash and helped support our teachers, students, and schools. Join us this year for a fun, interactive virtual event on Saturday, November 14th as Barn Bash becomes ZEF Bash and we celebrate ZEF's 25th anniversary!

Stay tuned for event details coming later this month! You won't want to miss this fun event for a great cause - supporting our schools!

## Sandy Graef Memorial Fund

In 2008, we lost a beloved member of the Zionsville school community, Sandy Graef, Band Director at Zionsville Middle School. Her husband, Rick Graef, and their family partnered with ZEF to create the Sandy Graef Memorial Fund to honor her life and her passion for music education. The fund supports the Zionsville Middle School and Zionsville West Middle School band programs with an annual grant.

"Sandy Graef was an amazing educator, friend, and the world's biggest fan of

music in Zionsville Community Schools," said ZMS Music Department Chair Josh Weirich. "Her energy and passion inspired her students and co-workers. She also brought a high level of musicality and organization that created a foundation for the high achieving middle school band programs we see today with large student participation and accolades locally and nationally. The memorial fund enables us to continue her legacy of helping students and providing quality music instruction in Zionsville."

The memorial provides funds for middle school band student needs not otherwise available in tight school budgets. "Sandy was always looking for ways to help her students," said Rick. "She had a passion for ensuring that all students had access to quality instruction, music experiences, and the tools they needed to be successful."

Sandy Graef's legacy lives on in her family, friends, and the many students lucky enough to have her as a teacher. The Sandy Graef Memorial Fund ensures that her spirit of generosity and love of music are felt by today's band students as well.

If you would like to contribute to the Sandy Graef Memorial fund and help continue her legacy, click [here](#) and designate "Sandy Graef Memorial Fund" in the comments.



ZWMS Band Directors Candi Granlund and Liz Leatherberry accept the memorial fund grant from Rick Graef.

Rick Graef presents a check to ZMS Band Directors Evan Schroeder, Chris Murray, and Josh Weirich.

## State of the Schools Event

Join us for the 4th Annual State of the Schools event! ZCS Superintendent Dr. Scott Robison and ZCS administrators will provide an update on our schools and answer your questions. Click the YouTube Live link below on September 15th at 9:30am to participate! ZEF is excited to partner with the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce and the Zionsville Community Schools in presenting his event.

Submit your questions [here](#).



Join the YouTube Live State of the Schools event [here](#).

# THE STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

ATTEND ON YOUTUBE LIVE  
AT 9:30 AM

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. SCOTT ROBISON AND  
ZIONSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEADERS**

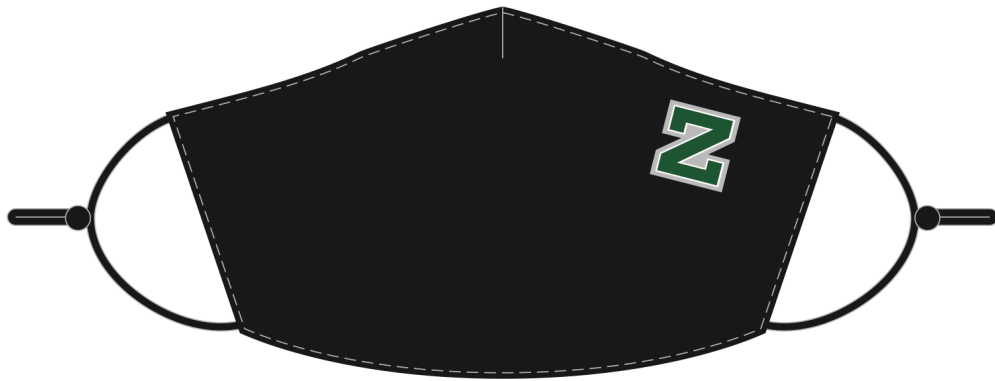


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**Back to School**





Your annual Back to School donations truly help us help our teachers and schools. Thank you! We hope you are enjoying your mask. If you donated after August 12th, your mask will be delivered soon!

If you would like to make a donation, please click [here](#)! Your two masks - one to pass on to the teacher of your choice and one for you to enjoy - will be delivered to you.

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