

Paxton-Buckley-Loda Education Foundation

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Last year was an exciting time for our schools and our communities as we were front and center on the national scene.

A 19 yr. old PBL alumni, Gina Miles, won the championship of a nationally televised singing competition, *The Voice*. Then a couple months later, another PBL Alumni (2003) and 7th grade math teacher, Collette Lee, was a contestant on the nationally televised game show, *Jeopardy*!

So many different clichés pop into my mind when I think of these two women and their accomplishments! As we said in one of our previous Impact Reports, “big thinkers come out of small towns” and one of my personal favorites, “Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.”

These two young PBL grads had opportunities presented to them and they were PREPARED.

The PBL Education Foundation’s mission is “to provide our students and staff access to academic resources they need to become their best.” We firmly believe students who have a solid academic foundation will be more prepared to accept opportunities that come their way.

Isn’t this what we want for all PBL students?

The financial support we receive from our annual campaign, as well as donors who have named The Foundation in their estate plans, or donate grain, allows us to continue preparing students to be confident and to be prepared to take advantage when an opportunity is presented to them.

Thank you Gina Miles and Collette Lee! You were prepared and you did your best! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

Robin Niewold
Chairman



**“The best preparation for tomorrow
is doing your best today.”**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Jeopardy! contestant Collette Lee (right) with host Mayim Bialik



The Voice winner, Gina Miles



Travis Duley
PBL Superintendent

As I embark on my first year as superintendent at PBL, it is my belief that building relationships, meeting kids where they are, and preparing kids for the world they are entering, are the ideals most important to keep as our focus as we educate our students.

Positive relationships are a longstanding predictor of success in any endeavor. From a school perspective, relationships with students, staff, parents, and the community are essential. As we develop and grow these relationships a natural trust will be built and strengthened, allowing us to truly work together as a school community.

Students come to our schools from a variety of backgrounds and experiences and each brings with them unique talents and abilities. Our task is to meet each student where they are in their development and provide the support and opportunities for each to meet his or her full potential. Recognizing and valuing these differences will allow us to provide support and intervention, as well as differentiate education paths, to ensure all students are able to grow and develop as a PBL student.

Lastly, I strongly believe we are tasked with the responsibility of ensuring students are prepared for the world that they will enter. This preparation will vary. For some students it means walking out our doors and immediately entering the workforce or the military. For others this means making sure they are prepared to go on to a trade school, two-year school, or four-year post-secondary institution. No matter where our students go after they graduate from PBL, we must ensure they are prepared for that step.

As our district moves forward, and I take the reigns as superintendent, these ideals are what will drive my leadership and demand my focus. In my time at PBL, I have seen firsthand how the PBL Education Foundation works with the district to enhance the educational experience that we can provide. I am extremely grateful for the PBL Education Foundation and look forward to continuing to work with them as we strive to meet the ever-changing needs of our students.

**“Success is where preparation
and opportunity meet.”**

- Bobby Unser

PBL EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023

Income

Annual Fundraising Campaign	\$37,011.69
Book Fair Sponsorships	\$5,500.00
Endowment Fund Market Gain	\$23,701.00
Facebook Giving Tuesday Donations	\$9,436.00
Grants/Other Donations Received	\$3,619.91
Interest Received	\$251.09
Memorials & Honorariums	\$5,450.00
Planned Giving	\$2,321.06

TOTAL INCOME\$87,290.75

Expenses

Administrative Expenses	\$29,791.77
Program Funding:	
Book-A-Month (Facebook Giving Tuesday)	\$7,423.50
Book Fairs	\$5,502.77
Endowment Fund Projects	\$1,281.34
Hall of Fame	\$1,000.00
New Teacher Gifts	\$1,100.00
Senior Awards Night	\$1,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES\$47,099.38

NET INCOME.....\$40,191.37

\$725,679.09

Endowment Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023

At the first meeting of the 2023-24 school year, the PBL Education Foundation board members accepted a recommendation by the Endowment Fund Committee* to distribute up to \$20,000 to the district to be used for academics. This amount represents approximately 3% of the fund's balance at that time (July 2023).

While the spending policy allows a distribution of up to 5% of the balance, the endowment fund committee felt a distribution representing 3% of the fund's balance was more appropriate, considering the current volatility in the market.

If you are interested in learning more about The PBL Endowment Fund, including reading the policies, please contact: robinniewold@pblfoundation.org

* The PBL Endowment Fund is locally managed by The Frederick Community Wealth Management and at-large community members serving on The Education Foundation's Endowment Fund Committee (Chairman - Bruce Kietzman, Jay Ross, Joe Sawyer).

Book - a - Month

Creating Lifelong Readers

*"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . .
The man who never reads lives only one."*

George R.R. Martin



A kindergarten class showing off their book of the month

The PBL Education Foundation believes that reading is the building block for all subject areas. In order to instill a love of reading, students need the opportunity to read. Our libraries do a great job of supplying a variety of reading materials for our students, but the foundation wanted to take it one step further and allow students to grow their own libraries at home.

Through the generosity of donors and sponsorships from local businesses, we have two programs currently in place. The first program allows all students K-8 the opportunity to choose a book from the annual book fair. Each student is given a \$7 gift certificate which they can use at the book fair for the purchase of a book. Last year's sponsors were Farmers-Merchants Bank, Gibson Area Hospital, and Cynthia Swanson.

The second program we have is at Clara Peterson and is the Book-a-Month program. Each month, each student receives a book geared toward their reading level or a book that can be used as a grade level. Last year's sponsors were Buckley State Bank, Country Financial, The Frederick Community Bank, Foster Mechanics, Hudson Drug Shop, Just Hamburgers, Monical's Pizza of Paxton, Paxton IGA, and Shields Auto Group. Additional funds were raised through the Facebook Giving Tuesday campaign.

With your generous donations, the PBL Education Foundation will be able to continue both reading programs for our students. Thank you for helping create lifelong readers!



A 4th grade class showing off their book of the month

"My students really enjoy the book of the month. It helps the students to build their own home library and have access to age appropriate books. When we read their books together as a class, I feel like it builds a sense of community in our classroom. We appreciate this program!"

~ Jamie Rosenbeck, 2nd grade teacher

"Aleiyah, Lauren, Jessi, and Eden said that foundation books are always great to read. They like collecting each of the books!"

~ 5th grade students in Mrs. Goodson's class

"I love the great books that are provided to the students! It creates a great little library for them!"

~ Kathy Goodson, 5th

"I like my farm book. My mom reads it to me at bedtime!"

~ Lydia, K

"I love my polar bear book! It has real pictures!"

~ Bruce, K

"I think my new dinosaur book is AWESOME!"

I hope my dad reads it to me!"

~ Cage, K

~ Students in Mrs. Talbert's Class

"With the increasing necessity and use of technology, it's comforting knowing that our early elementary students are still given the opportunity to develop book handling skills with the book of the month."

~ Brandi Rogers, Reading Specialist

"I love that each kid gets a book to take home! Some kids don't have the resources to get books in their hands outside of school, and this program makes that happen! Students received 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow.' As a teacher I read a lot of 'There Was an Old Lady' books, so the kids were absolutely thrilled when they were able to take a copy of one of Mrs. Adwell's favorite books home. 'I get to match you, Mrs. Adwell.' Love the connection between home and school."

~ Mrs. Adwell, Kindergarten teacher

"I appreciate the PBL Education Foundation's Book-A-Month Program! It helps build a little home library for my kindergarten students! They absolutely LOVE getting a new book to take home and keep each month! PBL families all benefit from this program!"

~ Mrs. Anna Talbert, Kindergarten teacher

"I really like getting a new book to bring home every month. I have got to read some books I would have never picked out for myself."

~ Bodie Bennett, 4th grade

"My mom reads me a book every night before bed. I like having new books for her to read to me."

~ Augie Bennett, 2nd grade

Your Donations at Work!

Through your generous donations, the PBL Education Foundation has been able to give grants to teachers and supplement building projects. Last year \$15,000 was donated to the high school to complete improvements to the high school library. An open house was held in May to show the public the library's new look.



New carpeting, paint and bookshelves have changed the entire feel of the library, creating nicer surroundings for teachers and staff



Modular seating for students to read or study on was a welcome addition



Student tables and chairs that can easily be rearranged for large or small group settings are useful to students, teachers and librarians



The addition of a staff prep room with extra storage has become a very useful and appreciated space

An important key to success is self-confidence.

An important key to self-confidence is preparation.

~ Arthur Ashe

The PBL Jr. High took advantage of the \$14,000 given to them by the foundation for Project Lead the Way. The foundation also secured a grant through Apex Energy for an additional \$3,500. The Project Lead the Way program still continues.

This year \$15,000 will be used once again for grants to teachers. These grants allow teachers to supplement what they are already doing in the classroom. One such grant was awarded to the PBL Ag Department back in 2019. They purchased a plasma cutting system, but due to COVID, the machine was not in use until the Spring of 2023. The purchase of the Plasma Table has allowed for collaboration with Illinois State University professor Dr. Chris Merrill on curriculum and setup. Merrill was able to help ag teachers Mike White, Kirsten Wyatt, and Aaron Slack create a step-by-step guide for student use for the 2023-24 school year.

The table was also used during the Ignite Trades Day. A Parkland welding instructor worked with 8th graders during the event to show them how to use the Plasma Cutter. The functionality of this table allows for cutting to be done manually or automatically driven by a computer.

Your continued support and donations help give PBL students additional opportunities for enriched learning.



Project Lead the Way

During the school year all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students take a Project Lead The Way course in their science class or as an enrichment. Below are the grade level course descriptions. The PBL Education Foundation has been a primary donor in the advancement of Project Lead The Way courses at PBL Junior High School. What started off as one course six years ago, has now grown to four courses. All of this has been possible because of the PBL Education Foundation's generous donors. The curriculum and engaging lessons in Project Lead The Way make it a great way to inspire our students.

6th Grade – Computer Science for Innovators and Makers:

Throughout the unit, students learned about programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development, allowing students to discover computer science concepts and skills by creating personally relevant, tangible, and shareable projects.



6th Grade – Flight and Space: The exciting world of aerospace comes alive through the Flight and Space (FS) unit. Students become engineers as they design, prototype, and test models to learn about the science of flight and what it takes to travel and live in space. They solve real-world aviation and space challenges and plan a mission to Mars.



7th Grade – Design and Modeling: Students discovered the design process and developed an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They were then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they've learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.



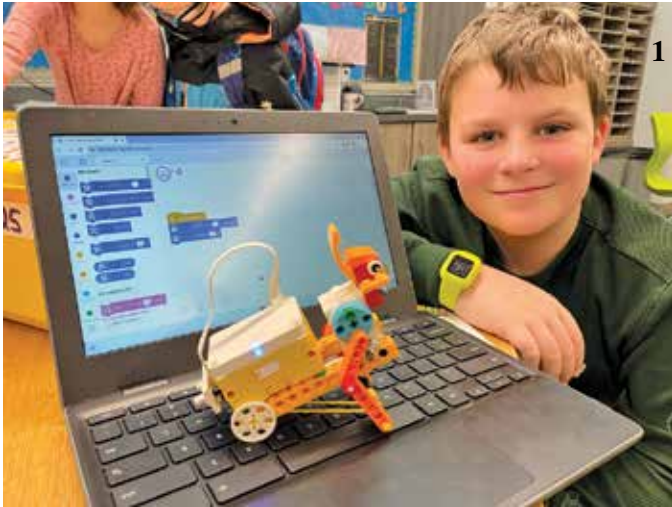
8th Grade – Medical Detectives: Students played the role of real-life medical detectives as they collected and analyzed medical data to diagnose disease. They solved medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measured and interpreted vital signs, examined nervous system structure and function, investigated disease outbreaks, and explored how a breakdown within the human body can lead to dysfunction.



"The PLTW class that I teach is called Design and Modeling. In this class students are able to collaborate with other classmates and problem solve a solution together to come up with different designs for different activities. Students are also engrossed in hands-on activities while also effectively communicating with peers."

Mr. Rubarts, 7th Grade Science

PBL Students Learning, Having Fun, and



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and Taking Advantage of Opportunities



1. 4th grade STEM building project
2. Future Educator's Conference at the iHotel and Conference Center
3. 2nd grade exploring STEM by building catapults
4. PBL High School FFA displaying their hardware
5. Jesse Compton, 6th grade - Project Lead the Way Flight in Space
6. Junior High Scholastic Bowl Twin County Conference Champs
7. 6th graders read the book *I Am Malala - How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*
8. 3rd grade STEM project, did some egg-cellent work
9. PBL High School Math Team placed 1st at Regionals and 7th at the ICTM State Competition
10. Kindergarten PE class learning some jumping skills

2023 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Beverly Brown
Paxton High School
Class of 1951



Cliff Hastings
Paxton-Buckley-Loda
Class of 1993



Mark Frichtl
Paxton-Buckley-Loda
Class of 2006

Beverly J. Brown

Paxton High School, Class of 1951

Beverly Brown graduated from Paxton Community High School in 1951. After graduation her focus turned to getting a job that would allow her to earn a living while pursuing her passion of sports, specifically in softball, which was her sport of choice.

In 1952 Beverly was recruited by the Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria to try out for their women's softball team, which if she made would also come with a job and benefits. Beverly took the leap of faith, followed her passion, and made the team. Beverly played for Caterpillar from 1952-1956, when Caterpillar decided to drop their sponsorship. From there she went on to play from 1956-1963 for the Sunnyland Lettes and Pekin Lettes, which is the oldest member-sanctioned Amateur Softball Association team in the United States. During her playing career Beverly accumulated statistics that place her in the top ten in Pekin Lettes history for at-bats, runs scored, runs batted in, and stolen bases. Additionally, in 1973 Beverly was inducted into the Illinois Amateur Softball Hall of Fame.

After retiring from organized softball in 1963 Beverly began playing golf on a regular basis. Due to it interfering with her swing, Beverly was not allowed to play golf while she was playing softball. In the years that followed she placed in many local golf tournaments including the Illinois Senior Women's Golf Championship, where in 2013 she won the Super Senior award for being the oldest participant when she was 80 years old.

Twenty years prior to Title IX becoming law in June of 1972, Beverly Brown and her softball teammates were dedicated to the pursuit of enhancing opportunities for women in sports.

Cliff Hastings

Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School, Class of 1993

Cliff Hastings graduated from Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School in 1993. After graduating he studied for a year at Furman University and then finished at Monmouth College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Music in 1997.

After graduating from Monmouth College Mr. Hastings took a job at Wolfram Research, one of the world's most respected computer, web and cloud software companies, where he continues to work as Director of Sales & Strategic Initiatives. In this role he oversees operations in the Americas, Asia, and Australia for the company's computational software products and services utilized in educational, business, and research settings.

Mr. Hastings started his coaching career at Rantoul High School and The High School of St. Thomas More while also running the Prime Time Volleyball Club which has seen up to 750 girls in a year play and learn the game of volleyball.

In 2009 Mr. Hastings was hired as the head women's volleyball coach at Parkland College. Under his leadership, Parkland College won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National D-II Championship in 2015, 2016, and 2021. In addition to the three national championships, Parkland College has finished as the runner-up five times and placed third three times. During Cliff's 14 years at the helm, Parkland College Women's Volleyball has won 92% of their matches, had 45 players earn Academic All-American honors, and 30 players earn NJCAA All-American honors. Cliff was named the AVCA Two-Year College Coach of the Year in 2015, the NJCAA National Coach of the Year three times, the NJCAA Region 24 Coach of the Year 11 times, and earned his 600th victory during the 2021 season.

Mark Frichtl

Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School, Class of 2006

Mark Frichtl graduated from Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School in 2006. After graduation he went on to attend Stanford University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduating from Stanford, Mark went on to work as an Engineer at Quanergy, Inc. from July 2013 to April 2015, and as a Technologies Development Engineer at Apple, Inc. for a short while. In June of 2015, Mark co-founded Ouster, which builds high-resolution 3D lidar sensors for use in autonomous vehicles, robotics, drones, mapping, defense, and security cameras. Currently Mark serves as the Chief Technology Officer for Ouster and is responsible for the design and development of Ouster's lidar sensors, as well as the company's overall technical strategy. On March 12, 2021, Ouster Inc. became a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange.



2023
Hall of Fame
Inductees
Cliff Hastings
and
Beverly Brown
at the induction
ceremony
Thursday,
Sept. 14th, 2023
after the
homecoming
parade.



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Ford County Chronicle



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PBL Hall of Fame

2014

Frank Drendel, Paxton, 1963
Scott Garrelts, Buckley, 1979
Sam Schweighart, Paxton, 1995

2015

B. Lynn Allen-Hoffman, Roberts-Thawville, 1970
Tom Johnson, Paxton, 1977
Angie Lee, Paxton, 1980

2016

Janet Guthrie, Paxton, 1967
Randy Rieches, Buckley, 1969

2017

Dr. Walter Elrod, Paxton, 1980
Pete Larson, Paxton, 1962
Dr. Sally Peterson-Falzone, Paxton, 1960

2018

Carmen Gronewold, Buckley, 1976
Tom Meents, Paxton, 1985

2019

Kendra Workman Smiley, Paxton, 1970

2020 / 2021

Harold Eugene "HEK" Kenney, Loda, 1922
Robert Frump, Paxton, 1965

2022

Gary E. Swanson, Paxton, 1970
Mike Biehl, PBL, 1991

Hall of Fame nomination forms are located on our website

www.pblfoundation.org
(What We Do/Awards/Hall of Fame)

*The PBL Education Foundation provides
financial support for this worthy program
that recognizes outstanding achievements
of our distinguished alumni.*

Prairieland CEO



Prairieland CEO is an entrepreneur education program offered to students in 3 area school districts, including PBL Community School District #10. The program is supported by numerous Central Illinois businesses and organizations, of which PBL Education Foundation is a supporter. Throughout the year students, led by the program facilitator, learn various parts of creating, owning and running their own business. The program offers a CEO Trade Show at the conclusion of the school year where these young entrepreneurs present their business and get feedback from potential customers.

During the recently completed 2022-2023 school year, PBL student Jashan Ghotra participated in the program. He has since graduated from PBL High School and is currently attending DePaul University in Chicago and has decided to major in Finance/Accounting. Ghotra shared that he wanted to be a part of the Prairieland CEO program because he thought it was a great opportunity to learn how businesses start and what it takes to make them successful. When asked what his overall takeaway from the course was he stated, *"I learned that if you want your business to become successful, you have to keep coming up with new and innovative ideas to lure customers or your demographic."*



Visits to local businesses, hearing from local leaders, and doing research in their chosen category are some of the ways students learn to launch their business while taking the CEO class. Recalling the most interesting presenter, Ghotra stated, *"The most interesting presenter we had, in my opinion, was a real estate agent that spoke to us because she was declined by many real estate firms, but she went out of her way and made her own successful firm."* While studying at DePaul, Ghotra is also working on other business-related projects as well. PBL Education Foundation supports the Prairieland CEO program so area students can gain insight and real-life experience exploring the journey of entrepreneurship.



Carl Hudson - Many Thanks!

Carl Hudson, a founding member of the PBL Education Foundation and past president has resigned after 26 years with our organization. Carl has been instrumental in the success of the foundation and has held many offices and roles throughout his tenure. One of his most impressive roles has been as co-chair of the Endowment Fund. With his joint efforts the value of the fund is currently over \$724,000. His ability to show donors the value of investing in the endowment fund has been instrumental in its success.

"With new board members coming on, I feel comfortable stepping back and slowing down a little." Carl Hudson

Carl's tireless efforts have allowed the students at PBL to have more choices, programs, tools, and access to needed materials that enhance their education.

Not only has Carl been active in the foundation, but is also a pillar in the PBL community. Carl has been the local pharmacist for decades and took over the family business from his father in 1975. He recently sold his business to his son, Andy, who carries on the tradition. Carl has also started and owned several other businesses in Paxton.

His belief in giving back to his community is evident as he has been involved in numerous organizations and clubs in Paxton. He has also been involved in many organizations at the county, state, and national level as well.

The Hudson family has a vested interest in the PBL school system. Carl graduated from Paxton High School in 1960. His wife, Janet, was in the PHS Class of 1959. Both his children, Andy (PBL 1991) and Lisa (PBL 1994), and his grandchildren have attended PBL schools. His daughter Lisa is a teacher in the district.

The entire board expressed their appreciation and gratitude for Hudson's work in the organization.

"I learned so much from Carl's professional and volunteer experiences and his knowledge of our communities. We shared many brainstorming lunches and exchanged many emails and phone calls while working on different fundraising initiatives. One of my favorite stories to tell took place 3 years ago. Carl and I insisted on a spur-of-the moment meeting with the Superintendent who really did not have time. We persisted and within minutes were in the Supt.'s office. Carl handed him a check and he looked at the check and said, "nice." Carl suggested he look again - the check was NOT for \$25,000 but for \$250,000! We all had a good laugh and promised to keep the second response to the amount between us. 😊 While Carl will no longer be serving as a board member, I know I will always be able to count on him for his perspective. We are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of his passion for our schools and our communities." ~ Robin Niewold, Chairman

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END of YEAR LETTER

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FACEBOOK GIVING TUESDAY

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PBL Endowment Fund

"It takes a noble person to plant a seed for a tree that will one day provide shade to those he may never meet." -Unknown Author

\$725,679.09*

Just 4 years ago, the PBL Endowment Fund was created to ensure a long-term reliable source of academic funding for our schools. Today with a healthy, growing balance we are realizing that goal.

Because the principal amount will not be spent, a gift to The PBL Endowment Fund creates the opportunity for donors to make a lasting and meaningful legacy in both our schools and our communities.

Each year, up to 5% of the fund's balance is available for distribution to the school district to be used for academic initiatives. When the balance grows, the amount available to distribute to the school district also grows.

Won't you thoughtfully consider investing in our schools and our communities?

Your personal financial advisor can help you decide what type of gift is the best fit for **your** long-term financial goals while also allowing you to create a permanent legacy within our schools and our communities. While there are many different options available, this list may be helpful.

- IRA Rollover • Grain • Stocks • Insurance
- Tribute Gifts • Memorials • Real Estate
- Charitable Trust • Life Insurance
- Include a gift in your will or living trust

• The Paxton-Buckley-Loda Education Foundation is a tax-exempt organization, a status accorded under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code - EIN 36-4182206.

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**Balance as of June 30, 2023.*



Gifts from the Heart



Honor your family, friends and loved ones by making a heartfelt tribute gift to The PBL Education Foundation.

There are many special occasions where this type of gift is a perfect fit for the person and the occasion.

Memorials and Bequests

Birthdays and Holidays

Celebrations

Milestones and Achievements

Anytime, in honor of someone special

When you make a heartfelt tribute gift, the foundation will send a card either by email or postal mail (your choice) letting them know about the gift you made in their name. In addition, with your permission, your gift will be shared on our website, in our annual report, and on the foundation's social media pages.

Your tribute gift will positively impact our schools and communities for years and years because it will become part of the The PBL Endowment Fund.

Making your tribute gift is easy!

You may go online to:

www.pblfoundation.org/tribute and pay by credit card after filling out the form OR you may fill out the online form and mail your check to:

PBL Education Foundation
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