

SYMBOLIC GRATITUDE



Thanks to **Waunakee Community School District's** reputation of being on the *leading edge academically and performing above state and national averages* for generations, the Greater Waunakee area has become a highly sought after community for families and businesses. We are asking all who have greatly benefited, to help create a legacy of "*excellence in education*" and symbolically honor all Waunakee Community School District (WCSD) teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication in making WCSD one of the state's top school districts.

In researching other communities around the world, we, the Waunakee Public Arts Committee, along with several active and retired business leaders, educators and volunteers have come together to ask for your support in commissioning a major art work/sculpture to be placed at the Waunakee High School Southwest entrance. The WCSD Board has approved this site.

This will be an excellent location that families and residents in the school district and community will inevitably pass, attending events and meetings. It is, of course, the high school students' daily path. The sculpture's theme is to celebrate teachers/staff and excellence in education in WCSD. It may consist of bronze, metal, stone, etc. and may include lighting features. It will be a daily dedication for decades to come.

Students in the Waunakee High School advanced art workshop drafted seven conceptual ideas for the project and presented them to us and the WCSD Board. Being advised by art and sculpture Professors Aris Georgiades and Gail Simpson at the UW-Madison, we will invite local/regional artists/sculptors to submit their designs and incorporate student ideas. From several finalists, we will select an artist, who will be an artist-in-residence with the high school art class to complete the project.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the project, inclusive of site work and have already raised \$15,500. If you would like to donate to this fund, go to the WCSD's crowd funding site

www.classmunity.com/waunakeewi

and become a part of preserving this legacy and honoring the people that have helped make this community something our great grandparents are proud of and our great grandchildren will benefit and enjoy.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support!

Waunakee Public Arts Committee:

Kevin Laffey, Co-chair, Nick Mischler, Co-Chair

Al Dassow, Brenda Endres, Randy Guttenberg, Kayla Proctor

Checks payable to Waunakee Area Education Foundation (WAEF).

Send to Waunakee Community School District 905 Bethel Circle

Waunakee, WI 53597 Attn: Geri Breunig.

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