

Message from the Executive Director & Friends of NEC President

Dear Northshore Education Consortium Friends;

We are pleased to share this report highlighting the activities and accomplishments of the 2018-2019 school year.

This past year was an excellent one for the Northshore Education Consortium\*. Our public day programs served close to 500 students, from over 50 districts. We saw excellent outcomes in terms of student progress, we provided training and consultation to support our member districts, and we remained financially stable! Thirty students graduated from our three high schools with diplomas from their districts and an additional 16 received certificates of completion.



NEC Executive Director, Fran Rosenberg (right) and Friends of NEC President, Graham Bacheller (left)

Some exciting developments this year included the creation of our first district-wide Director of Educational Technology position to help us move forward with integrating technology into every part of our curriculum and the development of a district-wide Diversity and Equity Task Force. We continued to invest in staff development, providing a wide array of training on topics such as The Impact of Trauma on Learning and Youth Mental Health First Aid.

In addition, thanks to support from the Peter & Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, we piloted a clinical wrap-around program to support struggling students and families in our member districts. We were also very excited to work with our partners at the North Shore YMCA and Children’s Friend and Family Services/ JRI to create a very successful regional Positive Alternatives to Suspension program.

We are extremely proud that in addition to following the curriculum frameworks in the core academics areas and addressing student IEP goals, we also provide numerous opportunities for students to participate in the arts, sports, community field trips, internships and vocational opportunities, and a wide range of enrichment activities.

These activities build upon our students’ many strengths and assure that even those being educated in separate classrooms have opportunities for full inclusion in their communities.

It is a challenge to maintain this level of enrichment while keeping our tuition rates competitive and affordable for our member districts. We couldn’t do it without generous philanthropic support. During the 2018-2019 school year, Friends of NEC raised over \$285,000 through grants and private donations. This enabled us to provide a high level of excellence without having to utilize tuition revenue.

We feel privileged every day to work with such talented colleagues, students, and families. We know that they share our appreciation for all of our donors and the ongoing support of our north shore community.

With thanks and appreciation,

Francine Rosenberg

Executive Director

Graham Bacheller

President  
Friends of NEC



Governance & Leadership  
2018-2019

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\* Northshore Education Consortium remains committed to the core mission of providing high quality, cost effective public programs, support services, and resources to assist member districts in meeting the needs of students who require specialized educational services.



# 2019 FAST FACTS

44 years of service

24.5 million dollar operating budget (NEC and Friends)

21 member districts (local cities and towns)

19 NEC Governing Board Members

10 Friends of NEC Board Members; non-profit board

266 NEC staff

8 NEC Schools/Programs served close to 500 students from over 50 districts (21 member and 35 non-member districts):

Kevin O’Grady School served 130 students from 31 districts with 8 students receiving certificates of completion

Northshore Academy Upper School served 137 students from 38 districts with 17 graduates

Northshore Academy Lower School served 51 students from 19 districts with approximately 40% either transitioning to a less restrictive environment, or due to completion of 6th grade

Recovery High School served 42 students from 19 districts with 11 graduates

Embark served 17 students from 6 districts with 3 graduates

SOAR served 28 students from 17 districts with 3 graduates

STEP served 13 students from 11 districts

Topsfield Vocational Academy served 72 students from 27 districts with 6 graduates

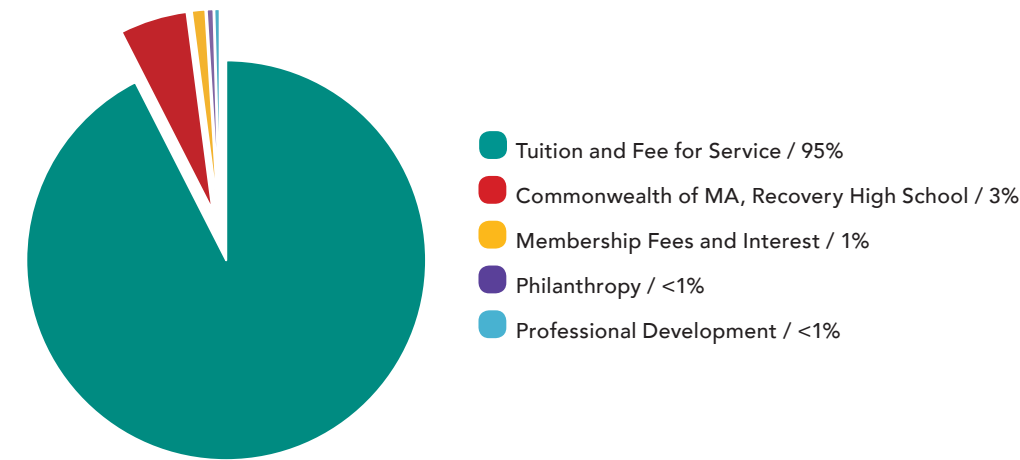
Professional Development: 150+ professionals, in addition to our own NEC employees, benefited from our regional professional development conferences, workshops and seminars.

Cost/Benefit Analysis: Based on an analysis of private schools serving similar populations, member districts can save up to \$300/day (over \$50,000/year, not including transportation costs) by sending a student to an NEC program. (All rates based on OSD FY 2019 data, compared to NEC 2019 rates, and are based on daily rates for day programs).

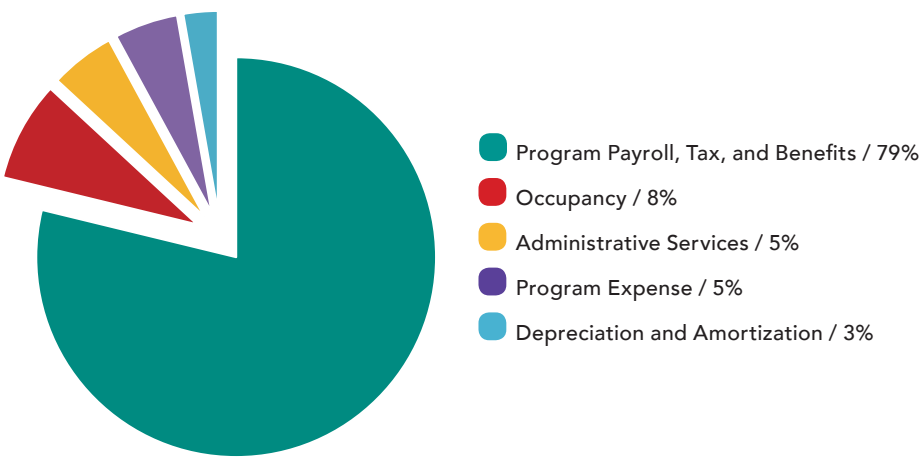
In addition, NEC provided vision, orientation and mobility services to 52 students who attend schools in member districts, provided home training for 5 students and educated 3 students who required home-bound instruction.



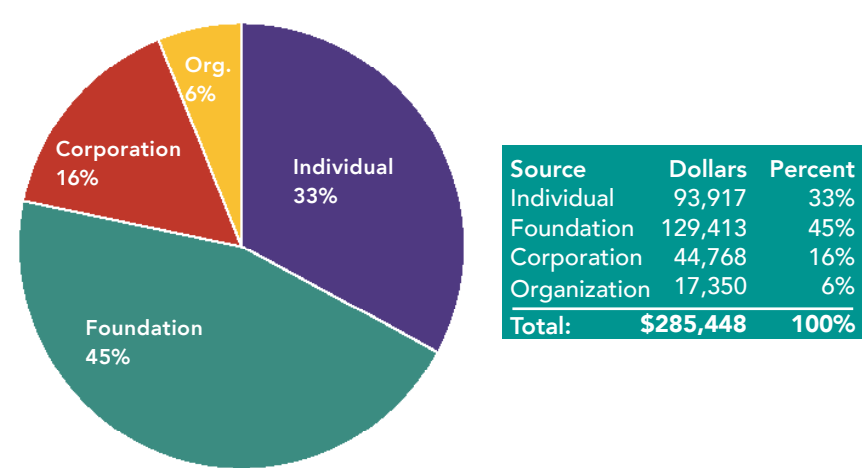
FY 2019 REVENUE  
\$ 24,847,743



FY 2019 EXPENSES  
\$ 24,480,957



FY 2019 PHILANTHROPY BREAKOUT



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



## PHILANTHROPIC DEVELOPMENT

- Revenue of \$285,448
- \$26,491 donated to our Tribute Program
- \$136,253 received from grants (supporting technology, staff training, much needed equipment for our vocational programming, and outdoor programming including both day and overnight expeditions)
- \$43,917 donated through our annual appeal; our highest year ever
- \$23,870 in proceeds generated through the running of our annual road race, the Festivus 5K for Autism, went to support educational and enrichment opportunities for our students; this was our most successful race ever
- The generosity of John and Mollie Byrnes touched all eight Consortium programs when they presented a check for \$50,000 to the Friends of NEC. Their gift supplied much needed technology, enrichments to our Arts programs, a collaboration with Backyard Growers (a local “farm to table” organization), digitized curriculum, support to our Transitions Programs and much more. We are grateful for the thumbprint John and Mollie have left on our programs. Their kindness met immediate needs and set us on a path to achieving long term goals.

## PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS

