

# WATERLOO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

monthly newsletter

## Meet Loo'ey, Waterloo Schools Therapy Dog

With funding from the **Robert and Elizabeth McCoy Endowment Fund** at the CFNEIA, we were able to partner with Sheena Canady, Director of Student and At-Risk Services, to establish and begin **integrating therapy dog services across the District.**

Within a year's time, Loo'ey will be certified. Meaning he will be able to serve students of the WCSD in the following ways: provide stress relief, **improve social-emotional skills**, boost academic engagement by offering non-judgmental companionship, **aid in crisis intervention**, and model positive behaviors

And, ultimately, help create a calmer, **more inclusive learning environment for all students.**



Pictured: Sheena Canady (Waterloo Schools), Kathy McCoy, Tim Hurley, Hannah Luce (WSF), and Skylar Champalath (WSF).

[Learn more about Loo'ey](#)

## Check out these grant highlights!



A grant in November purchased **real care babies** for Karen Parks' classroom at East High. They brought real-world, hands-on learning directly to the classroom!

[See what students experienced!](#)



Sarah Laube used her grant funds to purchase a **digital handwriting platform** to enhance the handwriting curriculum for her students with disabilities at Kingsley Elementary.

[How are her students succeeding?](#)

## Happy Work-iversary, Skylar

Skylar has served **3 years** at the **Waterloo Schools Foundation** as of this past month. We can't wait to see what you accomplish in the next year!



## Save the Date: Sparking Academic Excellence Breakfast



**Interested in sponsoring our breakfast?** We're working on connecting with previous sponsors and are always looking for new ones! **Respond to this email to learn more** about sponsoring the Waterloo Schools Foundation!

We've set the date for our event! **Mark your calendars for April 30.** Make sure to keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

## FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship

With funding from our STEM fund, we helped fund **4 WCSD FTC teams** as they traveled to Coralville to compete at the state championship.

Teams from **George Washington Carver Academy**, **2 combined East/West teams**, and **Bunger Middle School** were 4 of the 72 Iowa teams selected to compete. Congrats!



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