

# Worcester Educational Development Foundation

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The Worcester Educational Development Foundation was founded in 2005 for the sole purpose of supporting students and teachers in the Worcester Public Schools.

WEDF has raised and distributed more than \$5 million.

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## Pitcher Honored for Contributions to WEDF

**R**etiring WEDF president Stephen Pitcher was awarded the Dr. Stephen Mills Award for Advancing the Mission of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation at the June board meeting.

Pitcher has been president of WEDF for the last seven years, bringing strong financial and non-profit management to the organization.

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## Mills Named Interim President



**D**r. Stephen Mills, founder of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, has been named interim president of the organization.

Mills retired as Superintendent of the Acton-Boxboro Public Schools, was Deputy Superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools, and served on the Worcester School Committee. He is currently the director of the Center for Effective Instruction at Worcester State University.

Mills is a graduate of Burncoat High School, and his three adult children are Doherty alumni.



## WEDF Adds New Donation Software to Website

**W**EDF recently added new software to the WEDF website to make it easier for on-line donors to designate support for a specific program.

WEDF supports eleven programs that benefit Worcester students, their parents, and teachers. On-line donations can also be made to a discretionary fund.

[Visit the WEDF donation page](#)

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation works collaboratively with the Worcester Public Schools and numerous for-profit and non-profit organizations to enrich the education of Worcester students.

Please join us in investing in our community's most precious resource - *our children*

22,000 students in grades 1 – 12 experience the region's culture through curriculum-based field trips.

2500 students get the winter clothes they need through *Coats For Kids*.

Hundreds of students get the college prep help they need through the Hanover Insurance funded AVID program – (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Small classroom grants reward creative teaching and learning.

More students are learning with state-of-the-art technology.

150 sports teams have more equipment and better uniforms.

Students learn how to lead healthier lives.

Performing artists have the materials and instruments they need.

Through *Books for Babies* the parents of Worcester newborns receive literacy packets.

## Lily St. Pierre Earns Quinn Award

The Board of Directors of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF), is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2019 Ryan P. Quinn Memorial Award is Lily St. Pierre. A senior at Burncoat High School and an accomplished student-athlete, Lily is the daughter of Tracy and Joseph St. Pierre of Worcester.

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## Part-Time Development/Communications Associate

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation (WEDF) is seeking a development/communications associate to increase support for the students and teachers in the Worcester Public Schools.

We are seeking a self-starter who is committed to public education and would like to make a difference in the lives of children.

[Full job description](#)

## Olivia Guerra Wins WEDF's Gurel Award

The winner of the 2019 Dr. Lee Gurel Award is Olivia Guerra and her teacher, Catherine Doyle.

Ms. Guerra was picked by lottery from a pool of students who received the highest ranking score in Advanced Placement English. The cash award will assist Olivia with college related fees and expenses.

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## We Need Four Acoustic Guitars

The Guitar Club at Woodland Street School is short four acoustic guitars for the next school year. If you have an acoustic guitar (preferably three-quarter size) that you would be willing to donate, Please contact the Worcester Educational Development Foundation at: 508-688-4773, or [execdir@wedfwps.org](mailto:execdir@wedfwps.org).

We appreciate your support of our young musicians.