LEAP
Lexington Emergency/Education Assistance Plan

Count on LEAP to Support
Lexington One Students & Families

What's the Inside Story?

Twenty-eight years ago, the Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation was formed. The hope was to create a new source of financial assistance that would provide amazing educational opportunities for our students.

Accordingly, the foundation supports innovative educational programs and activities that aren't possible through the Lexington District One annual budget. Through gifts from many generous partners, we plant seeds that bloom into amazing educational opportunities.

Each year, we invite district employees to share in this joy of planting new seeds in Lexington One by making a gift to our LEAP funds. This annual giving campaign is funded solely through employee donations and has an immensely positive impact on our students and employees each year. The campaign extends over the first three weeks of school when staff and teachers return to work.

During the year, **LEAP** addresses two critical needs:

The **LEAP Education Fund** provides important educational programs and initiatives that our district is unable to fully fund, such as books for our schools and their classroom libraries, STEM labs, educational grants, and renovations to school libraries.

The **LEAP Emergency Fund** provides support to students and employees in financial crisis due to:

- Home fires;
- Severe weather events;
- Critical health conditions; or
- Other emergency situations.

In addition, it provides Health Fund Grants, Dorm Room Grants and more as needed to support our students! Thank you for making a personal donation to the Educational Foundation's LEAP Campaign today!

Why We LEAP!

- Last year, all 132 first-year teachers in Lexington One received a **$250 Bucks for Books Grant** to foster strong readers. To date these grants to teachers, elementary and middle schools total $128,000 the past five years!
- **More than 1,350** families have received emergency application assistance since 2004; and last school year, LEAP provided financial help to **26** family members in crisis via applications. **100% of these families** were in crisis due to emergency situations that disrupted their family's financial stability.
- All 30 Lexington One schools received a **2022 Helping Hands Grant** to support families in need, which totaled $87,768. Since inception close to $165,000 has helped countless students & families.
- Since 2018, **97 Lexington One seniors** with significant financial need received Dorm Room Grants (plus Academic Grants the last two years) to better prepare them for success in the pursuit of a college degree.
- **Health Fund Grants** purchased 4 portable Vision Screeners to our nurses that screened 15,791 students' for vision problems last year.
- Over **$155,015** contributed by Lexington One employees to LEAP for the 2021-22 school year positively affected our students, schools and educational programs!

Can We Count on You?

Your contribution means the world to our Lexington District One Families! **Please support the Educational Foundation's LEAP** funds by making a campaign contribution via:

- Cash or Check
- Payroll Deduction
- Annual Leave (converted to a gift)
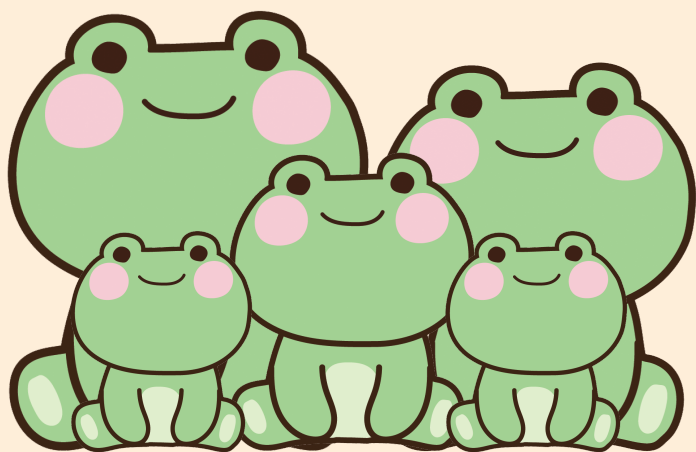- Combination of any of the above options

LEAP Representatives will be available at each school to assist employees in the campaign pledge process from **August 8 - 26, 2022.** Please know that the options to contribute via payroll deductions and annual leave are only available until **August 26, 2022.**

Please consider giving to LEAP today!

LEAP into the Facts!

The Lexington One Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; accordingly, LEAP contributions are considered tax-deductible donations. (The foundation's tax identification number is 57-1025465.)

LEAP Representatives continue to serve each school/work site throughout the school year to address questions, to review program policies and guidelines, and to help families with applications for emergency assistance. For details, please contact your LEAP representative, or contact foundation staff (803.821.1288 or abonicelli@lexington1.net).
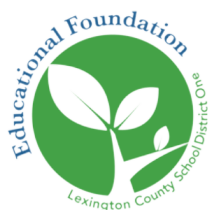
Need a shoulder to lean on?

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LEAP for Perks!

Each employee who contributes a minimum of $5.00 to the Foundation's LEAP funds during the campaign pledge period will receive a **LEAP Perks!**
Discount Card featuring unique discounts at 50+ restaurants and retailers. Our LEAP Campaign also includes social media challenges, prize drawings, and school awards! **Give today!**

Foundation's Magnitude

The Lexington One Educational Foundation welcomes corporate and personal donations, honorariums, memorials, and event sponsorships to support our district. In addition to LEAP's imprint of over $2.3 million raised to date, the foundation provides many educational and need-based grants, scholarships, and educational opportunities to strengthen teaching and student learning in Lexington County School District One.

Highlights of our positive impact includes:

- **507** College scholarships awarded to Lexington District One graduates since inception.

- **390** Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants awarded since 2004 to offer creative or enhanced learning opportunities for students.

- **$85,000+** in Robotics Grants from Michelin and the Educational Foundation to date to provide funding for school VEX robotics teams.

- **$38,400** from Nephron Pharmaceuticals to support Lexington One's Pharmacology courses and its students pursuing this career-based curriculum.

- **$154,167** invested in students over the past eight years via our Innovation Grants to K-8 Schools for unique and imaginative educational projects.

Foundation Questions? Please contact:

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