



Since its inception in 1998, the **Albany Fund for Education (AFE)** has brought forward new ideas, approaches and funding to support the students of the Albany City School District. AFE enhances opportunities for students to learn, grow and succeed through building community partnerships, fundraising and investing in innovative and effective programs that build equity and strengthen the educational infrastructure of Albany City Schools.

Making a Difference in Albany City Schools by:

- Opening the virtual school doors to students by providing more than 600 computers and 500 hotspots during the COVID pandemic, allowing families with multiple online learners to have all their students attending school!
- Being a critical partner in Albany’s “Feed and Read” Weekend Backpack Food Program. During the 2020-2021 school year, 565 students will receive weekly deliveries of food and an age-appropriate book each Friday - feeding the mind as well as the body!
- Repairing 60 donated musical instruments during 2020 for a total of more than 350 instruments provided for student use.
- Partnering with educators and community organizations to offer grants to inspire students and bring innovative learning to our schools. \$26,000 in annual grants fund educator-driven projects including field trips, author visits, STEM nights, health/wellness projects - and our new COVID-19 educator support grants.
- Encouraging students to become protectors of the environment through Arbor Day tree planting activities, Project Learning Tree curriculum and gardening clubs.
- Awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to Albany High School students annually.

We know that the COVID-19 crisis has made every dollar spent even more precious, and are deeply appreciative of your generosity. The Albany Fund for Education is a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

PLEDGE & PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

PRINT NAME _____ LAST 4 OF SS# _____

SCHOOL _____

My tax-deductible contribution method:

Option A: Payroll Deduction: I hereby authorize the City School District of Albany to deduct from each paycheck, in thirteen equal installments (beginning with the first contractual pay in September and concluding with the final contractual pay in June), the following amount:

_____ \$2 _____ \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$ Other

I understand that I may revoke or modify this authorization at any time by providing a written request to the District payroll office.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Option B: One Time Contribution by Check: \$ _____ (provide amount) Please make check payable to the Albany Fund for Education and attach this form.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY RETURNING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO HUMAN RESOURCES BY JUNE 7, 2021. THANK YOU!