



2015-2016

Annual Report

...“With man this is impossible, but *with God all things are possible.*”
Matthew 19:26

Dear Friend of LASE:

Staples advertises the “easy” button, others claim “instant relief,” everybody wants things fast and faster! So when that is the world’s expectation, it is understandably frustrating if learning does not happen that way. And it is easy to see why kids give up and say, *it’s too hard, I don’t get it, why bother?!* But help can be found with the expansive resources LASE provides. God’s love and acceptance aligned with our unique programming helps support those children who need us.

LASE has been offering support, assistance and alternatives to challenged students for 60 years.

Our teachers, educational consultants and speech/language therapists have excellent in-service training, high quality professional development, and a network of experienced peers to provide customized and individualized support to help students experience success. They also approach every struggling student with the assurance that God has a plan for them and a desire to help them reach their God given potential.

With God, nothing is impossible... it just may not be “easy.”

The LASE Board of Directors is proud of the wonderful team that impacts the lives of God’s children. We are blessed to serve 14 Lutheran Schools where we have the opportunity to replace frustration with success for life and instill a love for learning.

We thank you especially, our dedicated volunteers, donors, sponsors, advisors and encouragers for helping make a difference in the lives of our students and their families.

In Christ,

Bette Schlie, *LASE Board Chair*

All children need to hear the good news of Jesus!



CHILDREN’S LIVES TOUCHED BY LASE IN 2015-16

- 2 Learning Connection Tutoring
- 42 English Language Learners
- 41 Speech and Language Therapy
- 212 Observations, Monitoring, and Consultation
- 192 Resource Services
- 134 Educational Resource Consultant Services
- 419 Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing

1,042 Total Lives touched by LASE

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION

- \$7,330 Elementary Scholarships
- \$55,970 High School Scholarships for LASE Learning Center (Luth. High St. Charles)

\$63,300 Total Scholarships Awarded 2015-16

LASE MISSION STATEMENT

Lutheran Association for Special Education will assist and support schools to address the cognitive, social and spiritual development of children with special needs, so they may fully enjoy their God-given potential.

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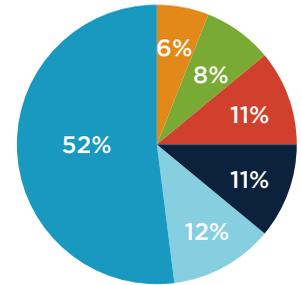
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LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2015 TO JULY 31, 2016

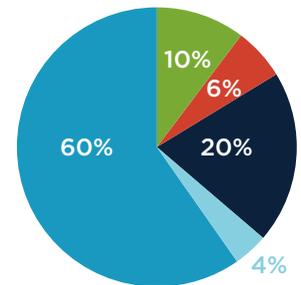
Revenue

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Contract and School Tuition | \$619, 626 | 52% |
| Fundraising | 147, 913 | 12% |
| School Health Services | 127,339 | 11% |
| Donations | 124, 157 | 11% |
| Grants | 89,035 | 8% |
| Interest and Dividends | 75,816 | 6% |
| Total Revenue | \$1,183,886 | 100% |



Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Educational | \$706,514 | 60% |
| Tuition Assistance | 44,980 | 4% |
| Management and General | 240,517 | 20% |
| Fundraising and Development | 69,541 | 6% |
| Health Services | 119,612 | 10% |
| Total Expenses | \$1,181,164 | 100% |



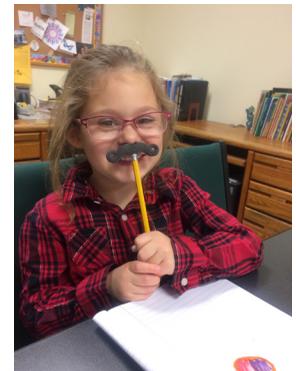
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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Operating Gain (Loss) | \$ 2,722 |
| Net Gain (Loss) on Investments | \$ <u>-25,842</u> |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | \$ (23,120) |

The Value of LASE to our Community – Priceless!!

The special education ministry of LASE is much more than curriculum, standards and educational resources. LASE is a cause, a common bond, a shared set of values and a missional “must have” for education in a Christ-centered community. We provide resources,



mentoring, support, collegiality with professionals and a network of teachers and resources to find solutions in the maze of special education. Principals gain a broad appeal and stronger marketability when meeting with prospective parents. General education teachers have a resource in their special education peer teacher for better effectiveness in their classroom. The entire school community has the opportunity to recognize that differences are blurred when we realize the Christian bond we share as His children. Donors, sponsors and volunteers of LASE are empowered through this partnership to amplify their advocacy for the LASE mission and vision.



She is included. She has friends. She is loved at her school. Thank you!

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 Child of God
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 Immanuel, Olivette

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 Lutheran High, St. Charles
 Our Savior, Fenton
 St. Mark's, Eureka

Salem, Affton
 Salem, Black Jack
 Word of Life
 Zion, St. Charles



LASE is a highly influential and prevalent part of our school. The LASE staff exhibits genuine care and concern for all of our students. It is apparent that they have serving hearts as they help our students to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually.



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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN!
EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THIS LIST.**

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Christ Community
Grace Chapel
Green Park (Associate)
Immanuel, Olivette

Our Savior, Fenton
St. John, Ellisville
St. Paul's, Des Peres
Zion, St. Charles

OUR LASE PROMISE: LASE partners with parents, educators, and schools by providing solution-focused expertise and encouragement that transforms their desire to inspire the God-given potential of every child into reality.

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