

Annual Report

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” —John 8:12

Be the Light!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

At the end of the 2017–2018 school year, the LASE Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan built upon a rich history of providing compassionate care and quality special education programming for children who learn differently. The purpose of developing this plan was to examine the focus of our energy through assessing our strengths and challenges, and to adjust our direction to meet the changing needs of the students and families we serve. The true blessing within this process is that it provided an opportunity for our stakeholders to have a voice on the effectiveness of our programs, our standing in the community and our progress toward meeting our mission.



The outcomes of the strategic planning process were a new mission statement that better solidifies what we can do—to provide Christ-centered educational support to students who learn differently so they can grow academically, socially and spiritually—as well as, defining our strategic initiatives for the next four years. Those initiatives include:

Programming – to provide outstanding programs that meet the needs of the community.

Marketing – to be recognized as an expert in the field of Christ-centered special education.

Resource Development – to raise sufficient funds to ensure a stable organization and provide additional funding for greater community impact and growth.

Volunteer Development – to continue to have active and engaged volunteers that will grow to meet the needs of the community.

Under each core strategic initiative, action steps were developed that will be implemented within the next four years. Working together, we can not only provide exceptional special education programs, but expand our reach to others who don't have access to a Lutheran education.

As a testament to our generous community, we touched the lives of over **1200 students during the 2017–18 school year**. This represents a **25% increase** from the prior year. For a small ministry such as LASE, our influence is tremendous as we continue to seek new ways to impact the children we serve. With your continued support, together we can ensure that God's children thrive and flourish.



Jackie A. Smith, M.A.
Executive Director

CHILDREN'S LIVES YOU SUPPORTED IN 2017-18

- 40 English Language Learners
- 61 Speech and Language Therapy
- 249 Observations, Monitoring, and Consultation
- 279 Resource Services
- 109 Educational Resource Consultant Services
- 22 Early Childhood Screenings
- 472 Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing

1232 Students Directly Impacted By Your Generosity

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- \$14,200 Elementary Scholarships
- \$8,600 High School Scholarships for The LASE Learning Center (Lutheran High St. Charles)
- \$82,525 Grant Support to Lutheran Schools

\$105,325 Total Scholarships/Grants Awarded 2017–18

LASE MISSION STATEMENT

LASE provides Christ-centered education to students with unique learning needs so they can grow academically, socially and spiritually.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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From the President of the LASE Board



Last year we promised that we would address the needs of children who learn differently in more schools, in more ways, and with more children. And we did! A 25% increase in students.

In 2017-2018 the LASE Board worked, with many others, to create a new Strategic Plan. Our objectives include finding new ways to reach a growing numbers of children struggling with learning, while building new revenue streams, marketing the LASE program, and recruiting new and influential volunteers that support our mission. As Board President, I'm excited about the opportunity to have greater reach and impact on future generations.

With your continued support, our hope is to provide additional scholarships, additional resources and staff to meet the growing needs of children, and develop new giving opportunities so every child with specialized learning needs have access to a loving, Christ-centered Lutheran education – now and in the future.

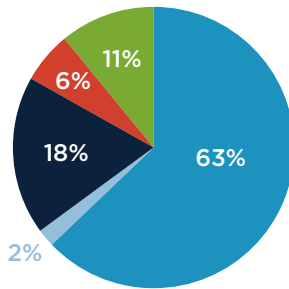
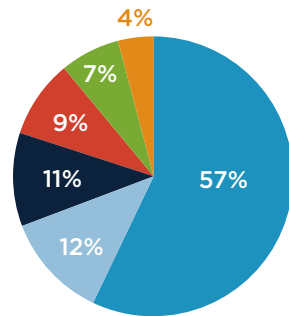
As always, LASE will strive to embrace and advocate, equip and resource, empower and enable all children to proudly reach their God given potential.

With sincere thanks and prayers, we move forward.

Bette Schlie
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President of the Board

LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2017 TO JULY 31, 2018



Revenue		
Contract and School Tuition	\$737,629	57%
Fundraising	142,712	12%
School Health Services	146,807	11%
Donations	114,644	9%
Grants	88,618	7%
Interest and Dividends	56,334	4%
Total Revenue	\$1,286,744	100%

Expenses		
Educational	\$855,015	63%
Tuition Assistance	28,700	2%
Management and General	250,093	18%
Fundraising and Development	80,501	6%
Health Services	144,354	11%
Total Expenses	\$1,358,663	100%

Total Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ (71,919)
Net Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$ 165,525
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 93,606



LASE PARTNER SCHOOLS 2017-2018

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Atonement
- Child of God
- Grace Chapel
- Green Park

- Immanuel, Olivette
- Immanuel, St. Charles
- Immanuel, Wentzville
- Lutheran High, St. Charles

- Messiah Lutheran School—Weldon Spring
- Our Savior, Fenton
- St. John's Arnold
- St. Mark's, Eureka

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



LASE Donors, Sponsors and Event Supporters: Fiscal Year August 1, 2017–July 31, 2018

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Grace Chapel St. Paul's, Des Peres
Green Park (Associate) Zion, St. Charles
Immanuel, Olivette

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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