



NEEF CONNECTION:

Mission in Motion



Big Hearts & Big Dreams Gala Season is Here!

As we welcome February, it's an exciting time for NEEF with our Big Hearts & Big Dreams Gala fast approaching on February 28th. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our NEEF board members, campuses, PTAs, and partners for their incredible support in securing silent auction items and sponsorships. Your contributions are what make this event possible. All funds raised will go directly toward innovative classroom projects and unforgettable student experiences.

We are still gratefully accepting silent auction donations and have underwriting sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, please reach out to foundation@neisd.net.

NEISD Footsteps for Education 5K & Wellness Event
Now Open to the Public!

We're thrilled to share that our inaugural Footsteps for Education 5K and Wellness Event on May 9th at Heroes Stadium is now open to the public. This family-friendly event will feature a 5K race, Kids Color Run, and a Health & Wellness Fair- fun for all ages! Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available to showcase your business while supporting NEISD students. For questions or details, email foundation@neisd.net. We can't wait to see you at the finish line!

Warm Regards,
Kasey Navin, NEEF Executive Director

Upcoming Dates

- 2/28- Big Hearts & Big Dreams Gala- JW Marriott
- 5/9- Fiesta Footsteps for Education 5k and Kids Color Run at Heroes Stadium



For inquiries, contact foundation@neisd.net

AROUND THE DISTRICT



[Register Here](#)

STUDENT IMPACT GRANTS

NEISD Staff, there's still time to submit your Student Impact Grant application—the deadline is February 28, 2026.

[Application Link](#)



SHOUTOUT

Kudos to Madison High School's Brandon Moore for winning the 2025 Hilltop Hunt Gold Prize from Hilltop Securities—bringing \$10,000 to support innovative opportunities for Mavericks!



NEEF BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FAVORITE QUOTE

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou



WHY NEEF

It didn't take me long to figure out what excites me most about being part of NEEF. I was lucky enough to go to some of the grant presentations in late August, and that feeling was amazing. Seeing the smiles, tears, and cheers all at the same time was unforgettable, and I can't wait to be part of that experience again this year.



JOHN LEE
NEEF BOARD MEMBER