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## The Impact of Your Gift Strengthening our Jewish Day Schools Report on Fiscal Year 2019

Greater Boston's Jewish Day Schools are home to approximately 2,000 students. They are places of learning and community where Jewish values, traditions, and love of learning are part of the everyday school experience. Thanks to your support, CJP continues to expand investment in our day schools through system-wide strategies that improve access, support excellence, and strengthen schools' ability to fulfill their missions.

### Helping Families Choose Jewish Day School

CJP continues to work with day schools across Greater Boston to develop strategies that make it easier for families to choose the day school experience for their children.



**36** students received Discover Day School (DDS) grants this year, **13** of whom were new to Jewish day schools. Now in its eighth year, DDS has helped **163** families in the middle tier of incomes fill the gap between their resources and the cost of tuition.



**7** schools are participating in a pilot to test whether new and expanded transportation routes will help increase day school registration and retention. The new transportation routes commenced with the start of school in September.

### Improving Safety and Security

In the last year, safety in Jewish institutions has become a growing priority. CJP is a key resource and partner for enhancing security and safety measures in Jewish day schools. We are empowering staff with the knowledge and expertise necessary to prevent issues before they arise and responding to events as they happen. With support from CJP, all 14 day schools in Greater Boston have taken important steps to improve safety, including:

- Completing "all-hazards" risk assessments and introduction to security and active shooter response trainings.
- Participating in first aid, CPR, and Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) training. CJP also provided each school with an AED unit.
- Working toward critical short-term security enhancements using \$5,000 security infrastructure grants from CJP.

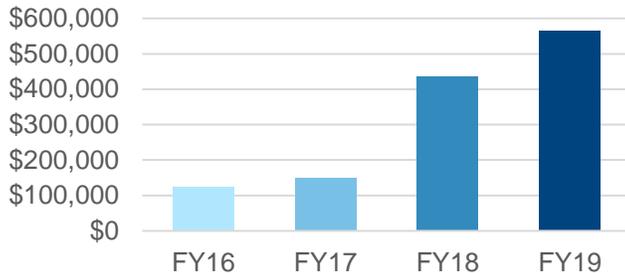
*"Just last year, CJP commissioned Safe Havens, a national security agency, to conduct a comprehensive security audit for us to understand our strengths and potential threats...CJP has been an invaluable partner to us as we determine our protocols as well as making investments in our facility through access to grants."*

—Rebecca Lurie, Head of School,  
Solomon Schechter Day School

## Building Excellent Schools

CJP is helping schools achieve their goals and serve the needs of their students by attracting resources, supporting meaningful professional development, and creating a culture of learning that is supportive of all students.

### Public Funding Across Day Schools



### Public/Private Partnership

Last year, CJP helped secure more than **\$564,000** for Jewish day schools to enhance critical programs and strengthen schools. CJP will continue to work with our Catholic School counterparts, school leadership, and state and federal agencies to ensure that non-public schools receive their share of public funds.

### Improving Teaching and Learning

CJP partnered with the AVI CHAI Foundation to help teachers in the STEM disciplines integrate technology in their teaching and use it to support individualized learning. Based on enthusiastic responses from participating teachers and administrators, AVI CHAI is renewing their support for this program in 2019-2020.



**37** educators participated in year-long professional development and virtual coaching in the use of technology and digital platforms to enhance personalized learning and student assessment.



**8** schools were represented in three design studios where teachers worked collaboratively to develop ideas for improving the classroom experience through individualized learning strategies.

### Creating Accessible Schools

Access to Jewish education for young learners of all abilities is a key component of day school excellence. This was the first year of programming made possible by *The Fred and Gilda Slifka Family Day School Inclusion Initiative*. Seven students with complex learning needs received hands-on support at the MetroWest Jewish Day School, where educators worked with the team of therapists, behaviorists, and learning specialists at Gateways: Access to Jewish Education to support these students' academic, social, and emotional needs. Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston has completed its first year of planning and professional development and will begin serving students with more complex learning needs this fall.



### Creating Inclusive Schools

*CJP supports a variety of programs that build a culture of inclusion in schools. This year, we sponsored eight Jewish day to attend the Innovation 4 Inclusion Make-a-Thon where they worked to design solutions to challenges that people with disabilities face every day.*