

# **BUSHELS FOR EDUCATION**



## ***Questions & Answers***

### **What is the “Bushels for Education” campaign?**

In January, 2018 the Watchdog Education Foundation kicked-off year eight of its **BUSHELS FOR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN** and partnership with Southeast Farmers Coop, Beresford location. The purpose of the campaign is to raise capital for the Watchdog Education Foundation. Since its inception in 2011, the Bushels campaign has raised a total of 2,393.34 bushels and \$13,359.92 has been donated to the Watchdog Education Foundation. The Foundation’s goal is to raise 5,000 bushels. The delivery of grain must occur between January 1 and August 30. Whether your contribution is ten bushels or several hundred bushels, every bushel counts and will help enhance and enrich education of local youth.

### **How do area farmers donate to the “Bushels” campaign?**

Area farmers who would like to participate in the Bushels for Education Campaign will fill out a *Watchdog Education Foundation Grain Voucher* at the Southeast Farmers Coop office located at 101 N East Street in Beresford. The bushels donated will be priced at the market the day of delivery or the next market day if delivery is made after market close. Checks will be issued to the Watchdog Education Foundation no later than two weeks following the delivery of grain.

### **Does the charitable contribution qualify for an income tax benefit?**

According to Gary Vande Vegte, a certified public accountant for Van Bruggen & Vande Vegte, P.C. in Orange City, Iowa, “If an operating farmer makes a charitable contribution in the form of an agricultural commodity, the unsold inventory is removed from income before recognition and the farmer receives an income tax, and possible self-employment tax benefit.”

**What is the mission of the Watchdog Education Foundation?**

The mission of the Watchdog Education Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities for the Beresford School District. The Foundation will be utilized to support excellence in education by encouraging and rewarding innovation in the classroom. Working in partnership with educators, students, alumni, parents and friends, the Watchdog Education Foundation will provide support for programs and resources which are beyond the scope of the regular school budget.

**Is the Watchdog Education Foundation part of the Beresford School District?**

The Watchdog Education Foundation is a separate legal entity from the Beresford School District, but will cooperate in concert with the district. The Watchdog Education Foundation Board of Directors will determine the distribution of the fund’s earnings. The Watchdog Education Foundation is a designated fund affiliated with the Beresford Area Foundation and South Dakota Community Foundation and has 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt status. Tax-deductible contributions to the Watchdog Education Foundation will ensure support of the students and staff of the Beresford School District now and into the future.

**Who can I contact if I have questions about the “Bushels for Education” campaign?**

If you have any questions regarding the *Bushels for Education Campaign*, please contact Watchdog Education Foundation board members Nathan Jensen (605) 214-6057 or Brian Field (605) 763-4293 or Southeast Farmers Coop at (605) 763-2108. You can also visit the Watchdog Education Foundation webpage at [www.beresford.k12.sd.us](http://www.beresford.k12.sd.us). Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**VB&V** **Southeast Farmers Coop**  
Von Bruggen & Vande Vegte, P.C.  
Member Since 1998 and the Beresford School District  
Toll Free (866) 643-3126

**All proceeds will be donated to the Watchdog Education Foundation. Every bushel will help enhance and enrich education of local youth in the Beresford Schools.**

5,000 BUSHELS	100%
4,750 BUSHELS	
4,500 BUSHELS	
4,250 BUSHELS	
4,000 BUSHELS	
3,750 BUSHELS	75%
3,500 BUSHELS	
3,250 BUSHELS	
3,000 BUSHELS	
2,750 BUSHELS	
2,500 BUSHELS	50%
2,250 BUSHELS	
2,000 BUSHELS	
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1,250 BUSHELS	25%
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