

WatersToday and Fundraising



A joint presentation by the LSC and WatersToday

Waters's mission is to prepare our students for lifelong success, by providing an inclusive and caring learning environment that emphasizes cultural, artistic and ecological connectedness.



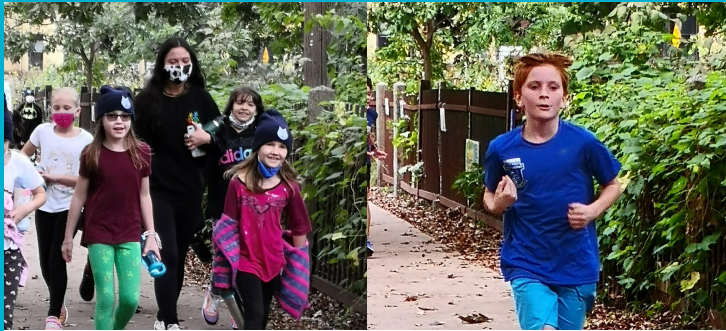
WatersToday

WatersToday was created to raise money meant to supplement the funding Thomas J. Waters Elementary School receives from the Chicago Public School (CPS) system. Working collaboratively and respectfully with our administration and faculty, we strive to enrich the educational experience of our students while fostering a vibrant and supportive school community.

Primary Fundraisers

Pledge Drive and Walk-a-thon

October 14, 2022



**WATERS WILDCAT
WALK-A-THON**

Big Night Silent Auction

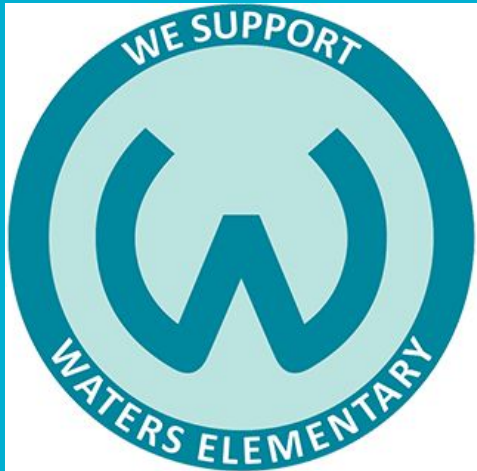
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**BIG
STARRY
NIGHT**

Other Fundraisers and Events

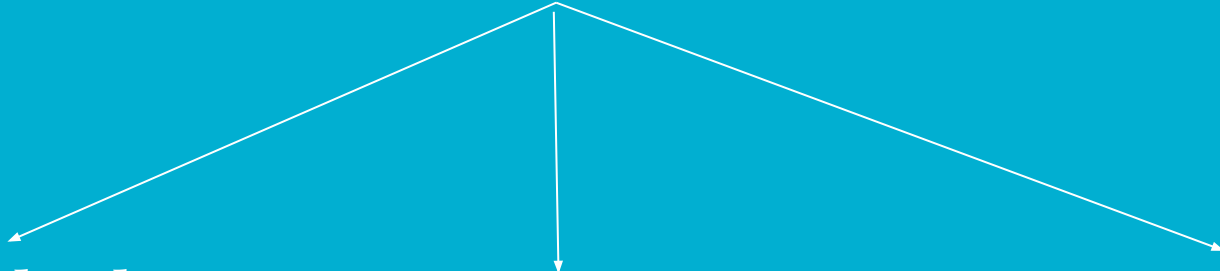
- Waters Dines Out
- Business Sponsorships
- Holiday Shopping Givebacks
- Back to School Bash
- Springapalooza



WatersToday



Local School Council



Right at School

Technology

**Environmental
Science**

2017: Evidence Based Funding Model

CPS is funded at 68% of Illinois' (EBF) model

Source: [CPS press release 6/7/2022](#)

Primary Sources (all via CPS)

1 | City of Chicago

Property taxes (pooled
citywide)

2 | State funding

3 | Federal funding

Title I

Title III

Other federal funds

Other Sources

4 | Internal Accounts

Rent for use of school (church)

Rent from Right at School and
summer camps

Student Fees

5 | WatersToday

Parent Fundraising

Elementary School	Average per-student spending (2020-21)	Low-income percentage
Cuffe	\$21,789	87%
New Field	\$15,515	78%
Piccolo	\$15,030	96%
CPS average (includes HS and charter)	\$14,782	78%
Swift	\$14,338	74%
Saucedo	\$13,890	94%
Bateman	\$12,269	71%
Waters	\$10,744	25%

Source: ISBE IllinoisReportCard.com

**Without
WatersToday,
what would we lose?**



WatersToday Also Helps Us...

Coordinate volunteers
for school events



Show appreciation for
Teachers and Staff



Support Students and
Families in Need



Communication and Conclusion



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