



Our Mission

To stimulate transformative change of public education systems across New England by increasing the availability of high quality educational opportunities that enable all learners – especially and essentially underserved learners – to obtain the skills and knowledge necessary to become civically engaged and economically self-sufficient.

Our Vision

Our vision is for all New England learners to graduate from high school prepared for success in postsecondary education. Investing now in the development of all learners will enable them to emerge from our education systems as engaged citizens and productive members of our community.

Our Strategic Approach

Our goal is to increase the number of public high school students in New England prepared for college and careers by 2025.

To achieve this goal, we are:

- Making investments in New England communities working to reshape and improve public education so that it is more equitable and students graduate from high school prepared for success;
- Building a base of knowledge, to help individuals and organizations better understand student-centered approaches to learning, how they can best be implemented, and how they can help students achieve; and
- Building support from education and community leaders and the public, ultimately creating the public will necessary to reshape policies to support student-centered approaches.

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Our Initiatives

- **District-Level Systems Change**
We are working with districts and communities across New England to build models of practice in order to implement and sustain student-centered approaches that promote deeper learning experiences for every student.
- **State-Level Systems Change**
We are supporting state and federal education policies that allow for student-centered learning approaches.
- **Research and Development**
We are building a base of knowledge through research to help individuals, practitioners, and organizations better understand, implement and support student-centered approaches to learning.
- **Public Understanding**
We are increasing awareness and supporting communities working to create a broad base of support and demand for new programs that help reshape public education.

President and CEO

Nicholas C. Donohue – Mr. Donohue became President and CEO of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation in 2006. He was previously a Special Master at Hope High School in Providence, Rhode Island, and also served as Commissioner of Education for the state of New Hampshire. He holds a M.Ed. from Harvard University School of Education, and a B.A. from Wesleyan University.

Organizational Information

The Foundation is a supporting organization, a public charity that operates for the benefit of educational programs and 501 (C) (3) organizations that are defined as educational institutions and educational organizations. These include cultural organizations, training institutions, and organizations that instruct the public about educational issues. The Foundation was created in 1998 by the Nellie Mae Corporation, a nonprofit student loan company that pioneered philanthropy in the student loan industry. The Nellie Mae Education Foundation is no longer affiliated with the Nellie Mae Corporation. Since 1998, the Foundation has distributed over \$123 million in grants.

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