

# Annual Report 2019-2020

**Keeping the Beat During Disruption** 

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### Introduction: Keeping the Beat During Disruption

Little Kids Rock is a nonprofit that transforms lives by restoring, expanding, and innovating music education in our schools. We launch free music programs across the country by providing our partner schools with the musical instruments, lessons and teacher training necessary to build or grow their music programming. For 18 years, our culturally sustaining, highly inclusive approach to music education has helped schools build programs that are as diverse as the children they serve.

The 2019-2020 school year started like any other for the team at Little Kids Rock. Beginning in June, our staff was training teachers from schools around the country in order to help them launch new, and vibrant music programs. Participating kids began learning how to play, perform and compose using the musical styles they love, genres like rock, pop, Latin, rap and others.

Things were going really well. We had trained hundreds of teachers, distributed thousands of instruments and launched new programs to serve over eighty-five thousand new students in elementary, middle

and high schools in dozens of states. Combined with the work we had done since our founding eighteen years earlier, 2020 would become the year that Little Kids Rock brought the transformational gift of music to our one millionth student.

### Then, in March 2020, the pandemic hit our nation and our schools like a meteorite.

Our teachers and our team had to pivot overnight. The majority of our students were forced into on-line learning from home or had to navigate complicated, new hybrid schedules. This is the story of a school year unlike any in our organization's history. It was a school year when our teachers used the power of music to <u>keep their</u> <u>students close</u>, even when they needed to be apart. It was a school year when our teachers stepped up as emotional first responders for their students. It was a year that reminded us of the many powerful benefits that music brings to our human family, especially to our children.

THE YEAR BEGINS

## Our Program Expands July-March 2020

The 2019-2020 school year began with a flurry of activity. That's because much goes into launching new Little Kids Rock programs.

Each time that we begin serving a new school, our dedicated staff works to recruit teachers and to train them in our unique and impactful approach to education. We also provide these new teachers with the musical instruments and the lesson materials they need in order to build their programs. Between the start of the school year and the beginning of winter, our team had facilitated the launching of new Little Kids Rock music programs in hundreds of schools across dozens of states. These new programs allowed us to add tens of thousands of new students to our roster.

#### July through February looked like this...



86,716 New Students Reached



5,556 New Instruments



1,004 Teachers Trained



379 Little Kids Rock Programs Launched in 29 States

## Our Program Expands July-March 2020 (cont.)

As with past years, our significant 2019-2020 program growth was facilitated by the unique way that Little Kids Rock partnered with educators on both the local and national levels.

Our music programs are known by the name we invented for them over a decade ago: modern band. Children in our modern band programs learn to play the popular musical styles they know love. From rock 'n' roll to rap, R&B to Latin, pop and more, our modern band classes leverage the cultural capital of today's youth. This helps our schools build music classes that are as diverse as the students they serve. Our programs utilize the musical instruments and technologies that are common to contemporary popular music: computer, guitar, bass, drums, piano, voice, internet technology, apps, recording hardware and the like. Our programming brings music education into the digital age. The world of music does not stand still and nor should music education.



SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Expanding on the District Level** 



**Expanding on the State Level** 

## **Our Program Lasts**

Once launched with a school district, these modern band programs endure for many years and frequently become a permanent feature in our partner districts' music programming. Using our training, instruments and curriculum, new Little Kids Rock schools create "seats" in their modern band classes. These seats fill with new students each year as students from each grade graduate. This enables a single teacher to reach many students over time. It also means that our investments and impact compound with each successive year that the program operates.



**Year 1 -** Little Kids Rock School Launch

#### \$6,000 Investment

Instruments, teacher training, curriculum, and community events in new school

#### 232 Students

Average # of students served by one of our new, modern band programs in the first year

\$30 per student served for the full school year



Year 2 - Growth

#### \$300 Investment

Weekly lessons, teacher training and community events

#### 287 Students

Average # of students served in the existing modern band program. Students served include students from prior year as well as new students filling seats of students who have graduated

#### \$2 per student served



Year 3 - Growth

#### \$300 Investment

Weekly lessons, teacher training and community events

#### 334 Students

Average # of students served in the existing modern band program. Students served include students from prior year as well as new students filling seats of students who have graduated

#### \$2 per student served

Our program is low cost and high impact. It changes schools, teachers, and kids.

## **The Stars Aligned**

We began sharing the exciting news that we would soon serve our one millionth student at our <u>annual benefit event</u> in NYC on October 10th, 2019. A diverse line-up of stars came out to help us raise the remaining funds we would need. Usher, Wiz Khalifa, Warren Haynes, Steve Miller, Trombone Shorty and Jon Secada were among the luminaries who helped us raise over \$1,000,000.



Wiz Khalifa was moved to <u>donate to a Little Kids Rock classroom</u> near his home in LA and also made a generous donation to support our programs in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA.



Power of Women honoree, Chaka Khan, was sure to use her feature in Variety <u>to show her support</u> of music programs in schools.



Usher was inspired too! His Nancy Lackey Educational Foundation supported the launch of a new chapter of Little Kids Rock in Chattanooga, TN.



Kelly Clarkson, a longtime supporter of Little Kids Rock, starred in Trolls World Tour with fellow musician/actors Justin Timberlake, Anna Kendrick, Chance the Rapper, J Balvin, and many more. Together, the cast helped raise needed funds for music education.



Little Kids Rock collaborated with musical luminaries like David Hidalgo of Los Lobos, Trombone Shorty, and many others to perform the Grateful Dead's "Touch of Grey."

## The Year is Disrupted... but Not the Music! April-July 2020

Just as our dream of reaching our 1,000,000th student came true in March, the nightmare of the COVID-19 struck. It upended our schools across the country. By the thousands, Little Kids Rock teachers took to on-line teaching. Classrooms tuned into Zoom rooms. Making music together was out. Making music using the internet was in. Everything seemed to change overnight.

#### But not everything had changed.

Music and its power to change our students' lives remained a constant. The team at Little Kids Rock pivoted immediately to meet the new and pressing needs of our students and teachers during the crisis. We created a series of daily video lessons for students. We donated valuable on-line courses in songwriting and music production. We offered weekly on-line trainings for our teachers to help them teach in on-line and hybrid classrooms. We distributed millions of dollars-worth of badly needed musical equipment and other resources.

## **April-July 2020**





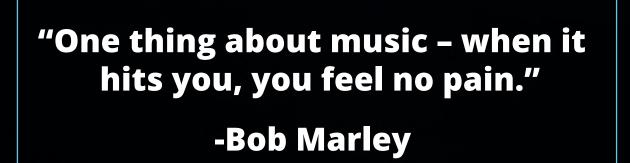


\$1,181,000 worth of complimentary, online curriculum



\$584,800 worth of mics, headphones and other equipment for online music making 6500 new instruments

Using these resources and their own incredible resiliency and creativity, Little Kids Rock teachers across the country didn't miss a beat. They kept music classes running for their **565**,804 students at a time when the music meant more than ever. They stepped up and used music to serve as emotional first responders for their students.





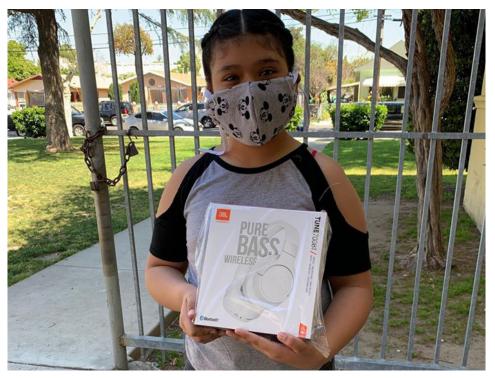
During the pandemic, we were forced to face the challenging fact that over one third of all US students either don't have the internet in their homes or lack enough bandwidth for on-line learning. That's why Little Kids Rock teachers like Melissa Morris in Staten Island and Courtney Powers in Philly and SO many others donned masks, gloves and hand sanitizer to safely deliver musical instruments and equipment to children as they sheltered in place in their homes.

All of our teachers have shown us the power that music has to keep their students emotionally close even as they need to stay physically distant. More than ever, our students need music in their lives in order to soothe, console, lift, empower, comfort and inspire them. In uncertain times, the transcendent power of music is a certainty.



Little Kids Rock teacher, Suzanne Spencer, was interviewed on a local news station about her inspiring work to bring music to her students during the pandemic.





## **From Our Community**

"Music will be the forefront of change in the world."

- Student



"My students and I look forward to jamming every week. The music room is a safe haven."

- Rossana Parodi, Teacher





"Music is really important, especially now. Because more now than ever positive messages can really help us through these times."

-Student



"Little Kids Rock's program really allows for student buy-in and input. They select much of the music and have the option to move from instrument to instrument (or voice) based upon their abilities and interest. They know it's their band!"

- Ken Johnson, Teacher

"Without Little Kids Rock's program, Miami-Dade county schools would not have instruments to use with their students. This prgogram has changed our schools for the better, now we can reach even more students to love music."

- Christy Go, Teacher



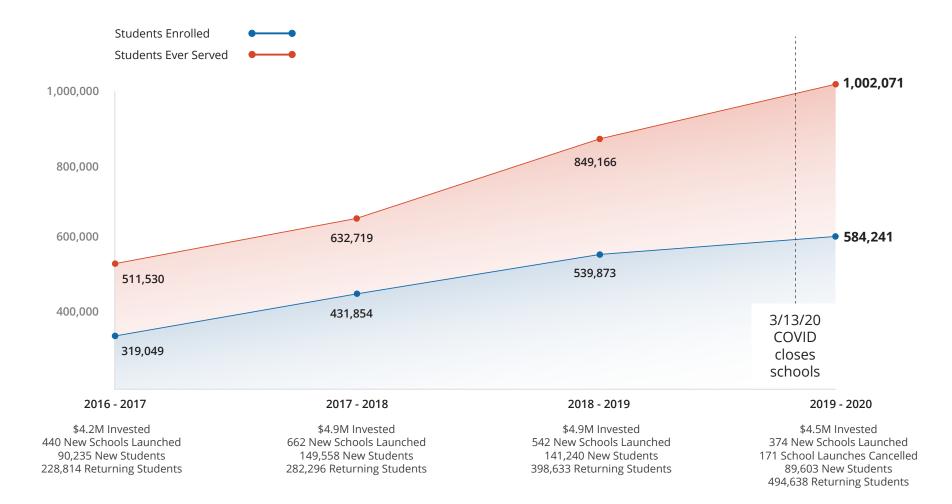
"Music will always be in my heart and follow me wherever I go."

-Student



### A Goal Becomes a Milestone: We Serve Our 1,000,000th Student!

In 2017, we set ourselves an audacious goal. We would of bring music education to our one millionth student by the year 2020. This figure seemed intimidating at first. However, the four years-worth of hard work and an investment of over \$20 million dollars which followed put us on a course to hit that goal before the end of the 2019-2020 school year.



## **Our Impact**

In 2014 and 2015 Little Kids Rock collaborated with The Center for Arts Education Research (CAER) at Teachers College, Columbia University, to refine our outcome measurement tools, focusing on both outputs, such as key components of musical aptitude, and psychosocial development. In our 2019-2020 program assessment we studied the impact of our new virtual programming, including curriculum, professional development, community engagement initiatives and other digital tools, and found that these new virtual resources have better equipped Little Kids Rock teachers to engage with their students remotely, and have also contributed to students' ability to continue learning throughout the pandemic.

Year after year, modern band programs engage young people who may feel underrepresented in school music programs as their culture may not be reflected in what they see and hear in the classroom. As well as playing and performing music by their favorite contemporary artists, students enrolled in modern band classes write original music in collaboration with their peers, fostering community and developing vital teamworking skills, musical ability, confidence, and self-respect.

To measure the impact of our program, each year Little Kids Rock conducts a yearend assessment survey addressing four key efficacy markers:

Youth Development

Youth Musical Development

**Teacher Development** 

#### **School Outcomes**

#### **Youth Development**

## 85%

of teachers report that since starting Little Kids Rock's program, students are more engaged in school.

82%

of teachers report improvements in their students' behavior among students who had previously behaved poorly in school.



of teachers report that Little Kids Rock students are more likely to express themselves.

81%

of teachers report their students having a stronger social bond with their music classmates since participating in the program.

"[Modern band] has created more confidence - especially in students who are more reserved. I've noticed big changes in those students." "This program has been very helpful for many of my students who have experienced trauma. I've had several students during our rap unit who get to express their feelings in a healthy way."

Amy Holderness, Teacher, Grades K-5, New York, NY

"It helps me grow as a person [on] the inside and as if I am learning a new language I never heard of."

Student, 6th Grade, Los Angeles, CA

Theresa Daley, Teacher, Grades K-5, Tampa, FL

*"I like that I get to communicate with my classmates through music."* 

Student, 8th Grade, Newark, NJ

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#### **Youth Musical Development**

## 99%

of students are motivated to make music since implementing Little Kids Rock's program.

92%

of teachers feel that their students will continue playing music after completing Little Kids Rock's program.

## 94%

of students feel that they are better at playing a musical instrument since taking Little Kids Rock's program.

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88%

of students feel that they are better at improvising since taking Little Kids Rock's program.

"Kids have found their voice through music. Many families have acquired instruments for their students. Students have reported playing music with and developing relationships with family members through their exposure to the LKR program. The program has definitely been a 'game changer' for some of my students!!"

Sara Whittle, Teacher, Grade K-8, Indianapolis, IN

"It's fun to play songs that you enjoy to play with friends. It helps spread our love for music to others."

Student, 9th Grade, Altadena, CA

"This program serves as a huge platform for my students to find themselves as musicians. The after-school band that was meeting had students in it from very different backgrounds and musical stories as well as musical abilities, but they were unified, quickly becoming a hub of positivity in our building."

Britni Bryan, Teacher, Grades K-5, Fruita, CO

"The fact that we get to jam and perform for people is incredible!"

Student, 8th Grade, Newark, NJ

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#### **Teacher Development**

## 92%

of teachers report that since starting Little Kids Rock's program, they feel more connected to their students.

## 85%

of teachers report that Little Kids Rock's program has helped them teach genres that are culturall responsive to their students.

## 90%

of teachers report that since starting Little Kids Rock's program, their teaching has become more student-centered.

80%

of teachers feel that Little Kids Rock's program has provided tools needed to serve a more diverse set of students.

"The free online remote learning that Little Kids Rock provided during the pandemic saved me and got my students taking lessons and playing on their own at home."

Dorothy Glodo, Teacher, Grade K-8, Chicago, IL

"The Little Kids Rock website and the resources made available to both teachers and students is invaluable. Consistent and high quality teaching videos streamlines the teaching process in the classroom and provides support for practice and continuance outside the classroom. It is part of the glue to creating a community and culture of music for our students, families, teachers, and schools."

Britni Bryan, Teacher, Grades K-5, Fruita, CO

#### **School** Outcomes

Little Kids Rock teachers offer our program for an average of 1.7 hours per week. The average number of students they teach is 200.

## 100%

of teachers would recommend Little Kids Rock's program to their peers.

69%

of teachers have observed improvement in attendance since beginning Little Kids Rock's program.

## 77%

of teachers report that since starting Little Kids Rock's program, their students have developed a stronger connection to their school.

65%

of teachers report that as a result of having Little Kids Rock's program, their school environment and/or culture has improved.

"For monthly assemblies, students write songs whose lyrics reflect our units of study. This has not only fostered cooperation between the musically motivated and academically motivated but also allowed expression of cultural pride and individual thought." "Little Kids Rock has brought attention and admiration to students from their classmates, and it has made students more supportive of each other and more interested in collaboration."

Dorothy Glodo, Teacher, Grade K-8, Chicago, IL

Ronda Armstrong, Teacher, Grades K-4, Nashville, TN

## **Little Kids Rock Goes to College!**

Our work bringing highly inclusive, culturally sustaining music education to K-12 students across the US is also having a meaningful impact on how music education is being delivered in music education departments in higher education circles on a national level. In 2020, a diverse set of nearly seventy colleges and universities were utilizing the Little Kids Rock methodology and modern band curriculum in the coursework they offered to their music education majors. We partner with these institutions through our Modern Band Higher Education Fellowship which seeds our democratic approach to music education in the hearts and minds of the next generation of music teachers. A full listing of our Modern Band Fellows can be found here.





### **Where We Serve**

#### Alaska

Petersburg City School District

#### Arkansas

Texarkana Independent School District

#### Arizona

Alhambra Elementary School District Chinle Unified School District Fowler Elementary School District Laveen Elementary School District Marana Unified School District Pendergast Elementary District Phoenix Conservatory of Music

#### California

Anaheim Elementary School District Aspire Public Schools Bakersfield City School District Burbank Unified School District Cabrillo Unified School District Capistrano Unified Carlsbad Unified School District Centinela Valley Union High School District Chula Vista Elementary School District Compton Unified School District Desert Sands Unified School District **Downey Unified** East side Union High School District El Monte Union High School District **Evergreen Elementary School District** Fontana Unified School District Fountain Valley Elementary Franklin-mckinley Elementary Fresno Unified School District Garden Grove School District Gateway Unified School District Gilroy Unified School District Glendale Unified Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Hayward Unified School District Hemet Unified Hesperia Unified School District

Huntington Beach Union High Inglewood Unified School District Irvine Unified School District **KIPP Los Angeles** La Habra City Elementary La Mesa – Spring Valley Schools Lodi Unified School District Los Angeles Unified Lynwood School District Magnolia Unified Manteca Unified School District Marysville Joint Unified School District Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Mt. Diablo Unified Newport-mesa Unified Oakland Unified School District Ocean View Oro Grande School District Pacifica School District Pajaro Valley School District Palm Springs Unified School District Pasadena Unified School District Ravenswood City Elementary Saddleback Valley Unified San Bernardino City Unified School District San Diego Unified San Francisco Unified School District San Lorenzo Unified School District San Marcos Unified Santa Ana Unified School District Santa Rosa City Schools Shoreline Unified School District Stockton Unified School District **Tustin Unified School District** Victor Elementary School District West Contra Costa Unified School District Colorado

Academy School District 20 Adams 12 Five Star Schools Adams 27j School District Aurora Public Schools Bookcliff Baptist School Boulder Valley School District NO. Re2 Buena Vista School District NO. R-31 Cherry Creek School District No. 5 Colorado Springs School District #11 Cripple Creek-victor School District NO. Re-1

Deer Trail School District NO. 26j Delta County Schools Denver Public Schools Douglas County School District Eagle County School District Englewood School District NO. 1 In The County Of Arapahoe Falcon School District No. 49 Fountain School District No. 8 Garfield School District NO. Re-2 Greeley-Evans School District 6 Gunnison Watershed School District RE11 Jefferson County Public Schools R-1 Lamar School District Manitou Springs School District No. 14 Mapleton School District Meeker County Schools Mesa County Valley School District 51 Moffat County School District RE-1 Morgan County School District Poudre School District Pueblo School District Revere School District Roaring Fork School District Salida School District No. R-32 School District NO. 14 In The County of Adams School District NO. Re-12 In The County of Weld School District NO. Re-4 Buffalo St. Vrain Valley School District State Charter School Institute Steamboat Springs School District RE-2 Thompson School District Walsh County Schools Weld County School District RE-1 Weld County School District Re8 Weld RE-4 School District

Weld RE-5| School District

Weldon Valley School District RE 20J Wiggins School District Wray School District

#### Connecticut

ACES Ansonia Public Schools Avon School District Bethel Public Schools Bridgeport Public Schools Bristol Public Schools Brookfield School District Brooklyn Schools Canterbury School District Chaplin School District Danbury Public Schools Derby Public Schools East Haven Public Schools Greenwich Public Schools Hamden Public Schools Hartford Public Schools Manchester Public Schools Meriden Public Schools Montville School District Naugatuck Public Schools New Haven Public Schools New London Public Schools Norwalk Public Schools Norwich School District Plainfield School District Plainville School District Plymouth Public Schools Pomfret School District **Preston Public Schools** Putnam Connecticut Schools Regional School District 10 Ridgefield Public Schools Rocky Hill School District Sprague School District Stamford Public School District Sterling School District Stonington Public Schools The Consolidated School District of New Britain **Thompson Public Schools** 

Vernon School District Voluntown School District Waterbury Public School District Waterford Public Schools Weston Public Schools Windsor Public Schools

#### Washington D.C.

District of Columbia Public Schools

#### Delaware

Brandywine School District Caesar Rodney School District Christina School District Colonial School District Red Clay Consolidated School District

#### Florida

Broward County Public Schools Escambia County School District Hernando County School District Hillsborough County Public Schools Lake County School District Manatee County Public Schools Miami-Dade County Public Schools Northside Christian School Orange County Public Schools Palm Beach County Schools Pinellas County Schools **Polk County Schools** Sarasota Public Schools Sumter School District The Bolles School Trinity Catholic School

#### Georgia

Atlanta Public Schools Clayton County Public Schools Cobb County School District Gwinnett County Public Schools Houston County Schools Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Southern Association of Independent Schools

#### Hawaii

Hawaii Department of Education

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Cedar Falls Community School District Mason City Comm School District Northwood-Kensett Community School District Tipton Comm School District

#### Idaho

American Falls Joint District Glenns Ferry School District Nezperce Joint School District #302

#### Illinois

Bensenville School District 2 Berwyn South School district 100 Chicago Public Schools Decatur Sd 61 Evanston/Skokie School District 65 Jasper CCSD 17 Maywood-melrose Park-broadview 89 Round Lake Cusd 116 Township Hsd 214 Waukegan CUSD

#### Indiana

Fort Wayne Community Schools Gary Community School Corporation Indianapolis Public Schools Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township West Clark School District

#### Kansas

Goddard Public Schools Holcomb School District Lawrence School District Royal Valley School District Skyline Schools Topeka Public Schools USD 475

#### Kentucky

Bullitt County School District Butler County Schools Campbell County Schools Clinton County School District Erlanger Schools Fayette County Public Schools Hart School District Jefferson County Public Schools – KY Mayfield Independent School District McCracken County Public Schools Scott County Schools

#### Louisiana

Caddo Parish School System Orleans Parish Schools Recovery School District

#### Massachusetts

Beniamin Banneker Charter District Boston Public Schools Burlington Public Schools Cambridge Schools Chicopee School District Global Learning Charter Public (district) Greenfield Public Schools Holyoke School District lpswich Lawrence Public Schools Leominster Longmeadow School District Lowell Public Schools North Middlesex Regional School District Somerville Springfield Public Schools, Mass. Walpole West Springfield Public Schools Westfield Public School District Westford School District

#### Maryland

Allegany County Public Schools Baltimore City Public Schools Howard County Public Schools Wicomico County Public Schools

Worcester School District

#### Maine

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#### Michigan

Ann Arbor Public Schools Dearborn Public Schools Detroit Public Schools Hillel Day School Laurus Academy Rochester Community Schools Taylor School District Waverly Community Schools Yale Public Schools

#### Minnesota

Farmington Schools Herman-Norcross School District Hope Community Academy Hopkins Public School District #270 Minneapolis Public Schools Red Lake School District Redwood Area School District Rochester Public Schools St. James Public Schools, Dist. #840 St. Paul Public School District Wabasha-kellogg Public Schools

#### Missouri

Frontier Schools Missouri Private School District

#### Mississippi

Marshall County School District

#### Montana

Bainville Schools Billings School District Evergreen Elementary District #50 Helena Public Schools – HS Lame Deer Public School District – HS

#### **North Carolina**

Christ Covenant School Cumberland County Schools Durham Public Schools Guilford County Schools North East Carolina Prep School Onslow County Schools Peak Charter Academy Pitt County Schools Wake County

#### **North Dakota**

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#### Nebraska

Minatare Public Schools St. Patrick's Catholic School

#### **New Jersey**

Asbury Park Public Schools Atlantic City Board of Education Camden City Public Schools Christ The Teacher School **Clifton Public Schools** Cranford Public School District **Dunellen Public Schools** East Orange Schools Elizabeth Public Schools Franklin Township Public Schools Irvington Public Schools Jersey City Public Schools Mannington Township School District Middletown Township School District Midland Park School District Millville School District Montclair Public Schools Newark Public Schools New Citv Kids

Orange Public Schools Passaic City Public Schools Paterson Public Schools Teaneck Public Schools Trenton Public Schools Wallington Public Schools Winslow Township School District Woodbridge Township School District Woodcliff Lake School District

#### **New Mexico**

Albuquerque Public Schools Los Lunas Public Schools Roswell Independent School District Clark County School District

#### **New York**

Bethpage Union Free School District Bronx Charter School For Better Learning Candor Central School District Carmel Central School District Cortland City School District Hannibal Central School District Hastings-On-Hudson UFSD1 Johnson City Central School District Medina Central School District Middletown City School District Mount Vernon City School District New Rochelle City School District New Roots Charter School District New York City Department of Education Rochester City School District Scotia-Glenville Central School District Shenendehowa Central School District Silver Creek Central Schools Uniondale Union Free School District Whitney Point Central School District

#### Ohio

Cleveland Heights University Heights School District Cleveland Municipal Columbus City Schools North Olmsted City School District Parma City Southern Local School District Southwest Local School District Stambaugh Charter Academy District Stow-Munroe Falls School District Toledo City Waynesfield-goshen Local

#### Oklahoma

Durant Independent School District Norman Public Schools

#### Oregon

Eugene School District 4J Springfield School District 19 Wallowa School District 12

#### Pennsylvania

Allentown School District Altoona Area School District American Paradigm Schools Apollo-Ridge School District Armstrong School District Blairsville-saltsburg School District Burgettstown Area School District Butler County Public Schools Cambria Heights School District Cameron County School District Carlisle Area School District Collegium Cs

Commodore Perry School District Conrad Weiser Area School District Crawford Central School District Curwensville Area School District Dallas School District Downington Area School District Dubois Area School District Elizabethtown Area School District Ellwood Area City School District Erie's Public Schools Great Valley School District Greater Johnstown School District Greater Latrobe School District Hamburg Area School District Hempfield School District Hermitage School District Hinkletown Mennonite School Hollidaysburg Area School District Indiana Area School District Juniata Valley School District Lakeland School District Lakeview School District Middletown Area School District Midland Borough School District 1 Milton Area School District New Castle School District North Schuvlkill School District North Star School District Northeast Bradford School District

Northern Lebanon School District Octorara Area School District Palmvra Area School District Penn Manor School District Pittsburgh Public Schools Pottsville Area School District Punxsutawney Area School District Purchase Line School District Ridgway Area School District Ringgold School District Riverside School District Rochester Area School District Saint Kilian St. Edmund's Academy Saint Aloysius Academy Salisbury-Elk Lick School District School District of Philadelphia Seneca Valley School District Shamokin Area School District Sharpsville Area School District Southeastern Greene School District Spring Grove Area School District State College Area School District Tulpehocken Area School District United School District Upper Dublin School District Vision Academy Charter School District West Mifflin Area School District Williamsport Area School District Wilmington Area School District Woodland Hills School District Wyalusing Area School District

#### **Rhode Island**

Newport Public Schools Providence School District Warwick School District Anderson School District 4 Greenwood 51 Spartanburg 7 School District

#### South Carolina

Charleston Day School

#### Tennessee

Cheatham County School District Franklin County School District Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Murfreesboro City Schools Rutherford County Schools Shelby County School District

#### Texas

Allen Independent School District Alvin Independent School District Arlington Independent School District Boerne Isd Dallas Independent School District DeSoto ISD Dickinson Independent School District Eanes ISD

Fort Bend Independent School District Grand Prairie Independent School District

Harmony Science Acad (San Antonio) Houston Independent School District KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) La Academia De Estrellas School District Port Neches-Groves Independent School District

San Antonio Independent School District Waxahachie Independent School District

#### Utah

Box Elder School District Gateway Preparatory Academy Nebo School District

#### Virginia

Chesterfield County Public Schools Fairfax County Public Schools Petersburg Rockingham County Public Schools

#### Vermont

Burke School District Champlain Valley School District Concord School District Enosburgh Town School District Essex-Westford Educational Community Unified School District Orange East Supervisory Union Oxbow Uhsd #30 Rochester School District Shaftsbury School District Williamstown School District

#### Washington

Central Kitsap School District Edmonds School District Franklin Pierce School District Richland School District Snohomish School District

#### Wisconsin

Cudahy School District First Immanuel La Crosse School District Milwaukee Public Schools School District of Beloit Waukesha School District Winneconne Community School District

#### West Virginia

Kanawha County Schools Mason County Schools

#### Wyoming

Uinta County School District #1

## **Financials**

2019-20 was a challenging year by all measures, including financially, but Little Kids Rock weathered the storm and served teachers and students well, despite COVID-19 related disruptions to our history of growing cash revenue and spending.

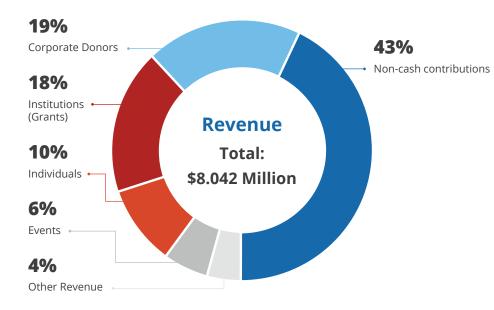
Little Kids Rock is proud to receive funding from a diverse set of sources. Our largest source of cash revenue (about 80%) is from contributions, including grants from institutions, gifts from corporations, and donations from our Board and many other individuals.

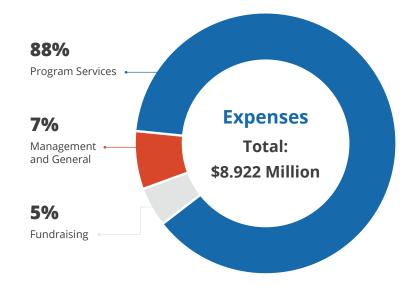
With the onset of the pandemic we saw a decline in giving, and cash revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 declined 23%. At the same time, we were able to pivot and secure sizable amounts of non-cash donations of headphones and digital resources, which we distributed to teachers and students to use in their remote environments. With these non-cash donations included, total revenues in fiscal year 2020 increased 33%.

The decline in cash revenues and the closure of schools across the US due to the pandemic caused us to adjust our spending levels, with temporary suspension of instrument deliveries as well as adjustments to staffing and other expenditures. As a result, cash spending was down about 7% versus the prior fiscal year. When the distribution of non-cash donated items is included, our total reported expenses for the fiscal year increased 47%.

88% of our total fiscal year 2020 expenses were devoted to Program-related activities.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, with continued support from key funders and cautious financial planning, our financial position remains strong, with net assets of \$4.4 million as of June 30, 2020.







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