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## Windham High capital campaign hits \$100K

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— WINDHAM — A capital campaign to benefit Windham High School has topped \$100,000.

"You know, in difficult economic times, to be able to raise over \$100,000 is a testament to our mission," said Diane Carpenter, vice president for the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement, which ran the campaign.

Carpenter's recent report to the Windham School Board delighted Superintendent Frank Bass because of the community's support for the school.

"The endowment, quite simply, is off the charts," Bass said.

The capital campaign raised \$107,199.

The campaign has purchased musical equipment for the school's fine arts program and is supporting greenhouse and renewable energy projects.

Carpenter said she believes a key to the campaign's success has been the use of the school not just for education, but as a community center.

"The fact the whole community can benefit has made it successful," Carpenter said.

The endowment is a charitable foundation started in the community before voters approved a bond issue to build the high school, Carpenter said.

The purpose of its high-school capital campaign was to support programs and make purchases the school district would not be able to fund.

The endowment has held community events, such as a jazz brunch and a Casablanca-themed night, to raise money.

The organization also has benefited by gaining support from other community organizations, such as the Garden and Women's clubs, officials said.

For more information about Windham Endowment for Community Advancement or to donate, go to [windhamendowment.org](http://windhamendowment.org).

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