Education Program Strategies

The Barr Foundation’s mission is to invest in human, natural, and creative potential, serving as thoughtful stewards and catalysts.

Barr’s Education Program, focuses on human potential and the critical role public high schools play in helping young people—especially students of color and other systemically marginalized students—discover and actualize their unbounded potential. We pursue this vision of transformed public high schools across New England through three interconnected strategies.

We catalyze new models by supporting school and system leaders while they collaborate with their communities to envision excellence and equity in their school, to plan and prepare for how to get there, and to make transformative change.

We invest in educators through supporting the development of a diverse, skilled, and effective workforce of teachers, school leaders, and system leaders who deliver high-quality instruction and bring new school models to life.

We build public will by supporting partners who elevate the experiences and voices of students, parents, and educators to build awareness, demand, and the conditions that incentivize excellence and equity in schools.