

2020 Annual Report



NCSE National Center for Science Education



2020 was a year like no other. As the pandemic gripped the world, affecting our lives in ways profound and prosaic, we at NCSE like everyone else pivoted with each new development. Once schools, museums, and science centers closed, we figured out ways to adapt to the new socially distanced realities.

Our Supporting Teachers program moved its efforts online, providing a regular source of virtual professional learning for NCSE's cadre of teacher ambassadors. We began developing a set of lessons on the nature of science that incorporated epidemiology and questions of science related to COVID-19. And to help everyone, but particularly teachers, navigate the science misinformation that has been so prevalent throughout the pandemic, we launched an informative series of articles that we call our Coronavirus Teachable Moments, aimed at helping educators and their students analyze and understand the science of the pandemic making the news.

Our community engagement program, Breaking Down Barriers, created web-based activities like a virtual role-playing Town Hall game that helps get participants actively involved in decision-making about climate change mitigation. Our six graduate student outreach fellows, some of whom helped develop the Town Hall game, focused their energy on understanding informal science education and turned that knowledge into mobile apps related to local park ecosystems, a traveling genetics exhibit, and research papers.

Of course, our Catalyzing Action program, which monitors and mobilizes against legislation and policy developments that threaten the accurate teaching of climate science and evolution, continued its work unabated.

In addition, we published the results of two research efforts—one that assessed the treatment of climate change in all 50 state science standards, and one that focused on evolution education in public schools around the country. And through it all, our members and supporters made it possible for us to hew to our mission—for that, we are eternally grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Ann Reid

Executive Director

OUR MISSION

NCSE promotes and defends accurate and effective science education, because everyone deserves to engage with the evidence.

NCSE AT WORK IN 2020

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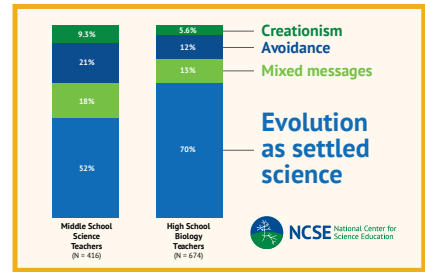
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

Evolution Education in the U.S. Is Getting Better



THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Texas Earns an 'F' in How It Teaches Students about Climate Change, Groups Say



SKEPTICAL INQUIRER

Evolution Education: What a Difference a Dozen Years Makes!

SUPPORTING TEACHERS



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Science is a Way of Knowing

CATALYZING ACTION



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Science standards safe in Idaho ... for now

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS



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Climate Change Summit: 100K Challenge



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Will herd immunity save us?



THE NEW YORK TIMES

Getting Climate Studies Into Schools

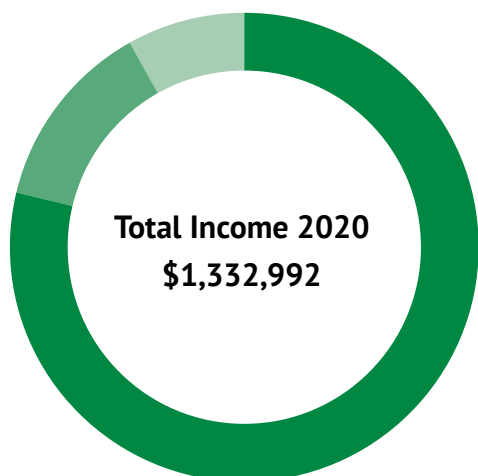


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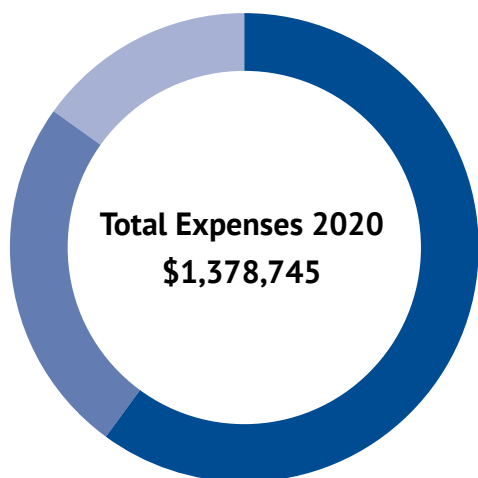
Evolve your park

Financial Report

We are grateful for the ongoing support and dedication of the individual supporters and foundations who make our work possible.



- Individuals: \$1,049,645 (79%)
- Earned income: \$179,847 (13%)
- Foundations: \$103,500 (8%)



- Program: \$827,479 (60%)
- General and Administration: \$345,915 (25%)
- Fundraising: \$205,351 (15%)

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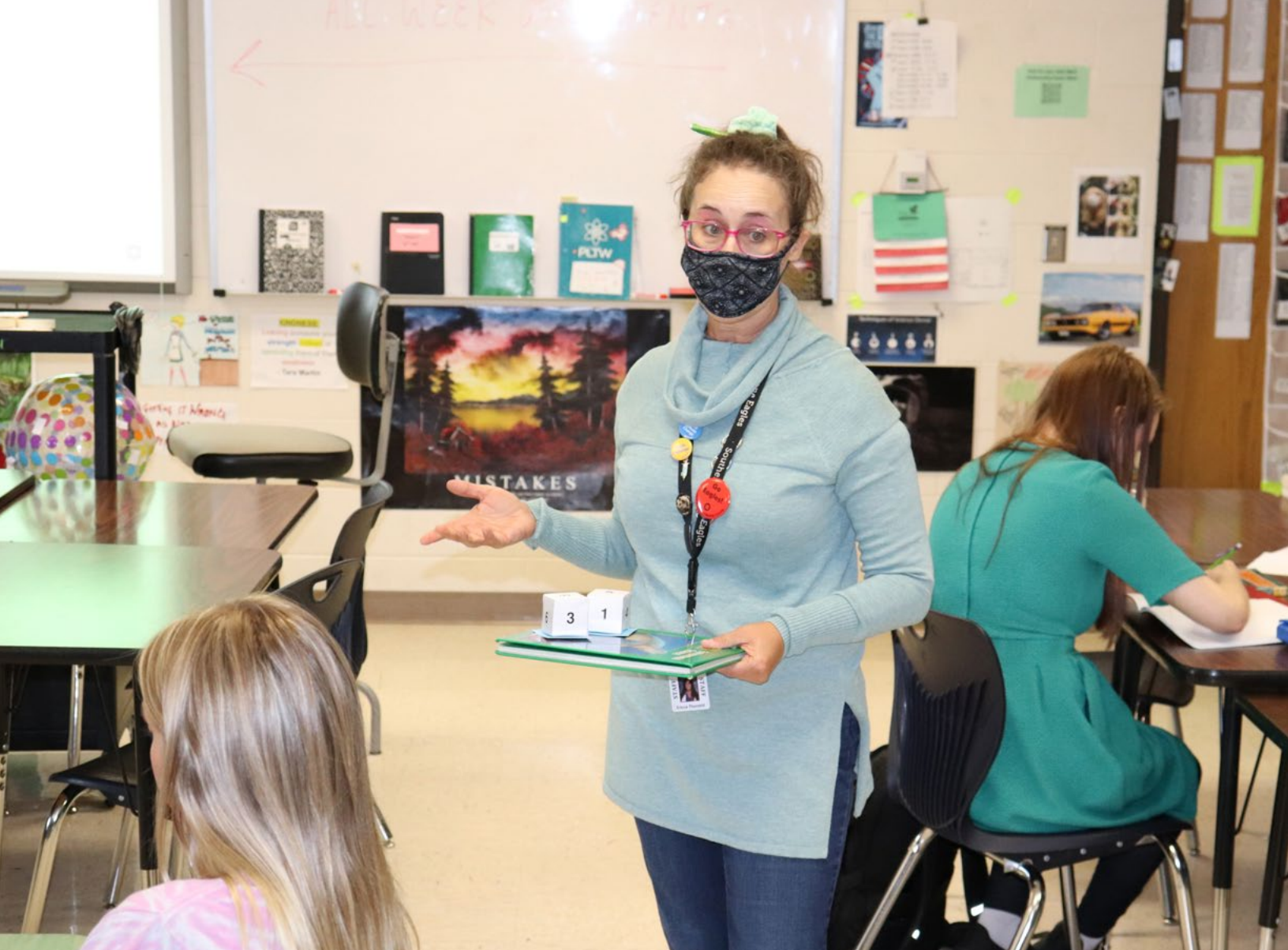
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