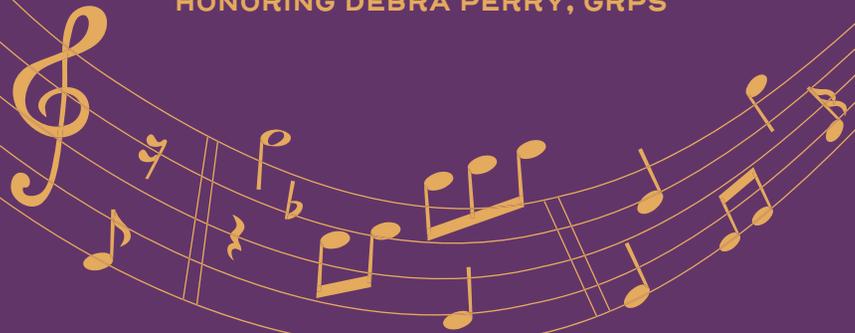


2026 MINDSHARE GALA

MINDSHARE

The Sounds of Possibility

HONORING DEBRA PERRY, GRPS



MAY 7, 2026

GRPS UNIVERSITY

1400 FULLER AVE NE,
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49505

**COCKTAIL HOUR
& REGISTRATION**

6:00 PM

**DINNER &
PROGRAM**

7:00 PM



Grand Rapids Public Schools
FOUNDATION

EVENT OVERVIEW

Mindshare: The Sound of Possibility is a music-inspired evening celebrating creativity, expression, and community in honor of **Debra Perry**, a beloved GRPS music educator for over 31 years.

Debra Perry is an educator, artist, and mentor whose impact—particularly at Coit Creative Arts Academy—has shaped generations of students. From equipping elementary scholars with professional-level music and audio engineering skills to nurturing creativity, confidence, and excellence, her legacy has elevated arts education across Grand Rapids Public Schools.

More than a gala, Mindshare is a movement. It fuels our mission to support the whole child at GRPS. Funds raised directly benefit programs in music, arts, athletics, and experiential learning—opportunities that spark curiosity, build confidence, and open doors for nearly 14,000 students across our district.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Grand Rapids Public Schools Foundation exists to remove barriers and raise critical funds so every student can learn, grow, and thrive.

As the philanthropic partner to the largest public school district in West Michigan—and the eighth largest district in the state—we support nearly 14,000 students attending school in Grand Rapids. Our work ensures scholars have access to the resources and experiences that prepare them for lifelong success.

WHAT FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT

Proceeds from Mindshare ensure GRPS students have access to music, arts, athletics, and hands-on experiential learning opportunities that enrich classroom instruction and spark confidence, creativity, and connection. Funds also help meet essential needs—such as warm clothing and school supplies—and provide flexible mini-grants to teachers and principals so they can remove barriers and bring innovative learning experiences to life.

2026 MINDSHARE CO-CHAIRS

Misti Smith Stanton, Mercantile Bank & **Vanessa Allen**, retired GRPS

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

	Presenting \$25,000	Succeeding \$10,000	Growing \$5,000	Inspiring \$3,000	Table \$1,500
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Tickets	20	16	8	8	8
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Company Thank You On Stage					
Opportunity to Introduce Student Performance					
Opportunity to Introduce Guest From Stage					
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MINDSHARE SPONSORSHIP PACKET

SPONSOR FORM



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

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SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- Presenting- \$25,000
- Succeeding - \$10,000
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- Inspiring - \$3,000
- Reserved Table for 8 - \$1,500
- Single Ticket - \$150

PLEASE MARK ONE

- We will use our tickets for the event
- We will not use our tickets for the event Please pay them forward to other GRPS community partners.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Please send an invoice
- Check Made to Grand Rapids Public School Foundation
- Amex Visa Mastercard Discover

Card Holder Name: _____

Card Number: _____

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Please email this form back to info@grpsf.org or mail to GRPS Foundation PO Box 2225 Grand Rapids MI 49501



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