

Date: September 12, 2008

To: All Staff

From: Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation

Re: Innovative Grants Applications

It is time again for the **Staff Innovative Grant Program**. Last year the Education Foundation awarded \$20,000 in grants to teachers through this program. The Education Foundation is looking forward to teaming with you again this year to benefit the students of Lowell through creative and innovative educational activities. The grant application form you need to complete your grant request is attached. The Lowell Education Foundation board wants to especially encourage the grant writers to include grant requests in the areas of core curriculum enrichment, arts and music enhancement, and technology enhancement.

Grant applications must be received at the Central Office to the attention of "Education Foundation Grants" by the end of the work day on **Monday, October 6, 2008**. The Education Foundation will notify all applicants if their application is approved or disapproved no later than **October 31, 2008**.

Helpful Hints

- Each teacher is eligible for up to \$750. Groups of teachers collaborating on a grant project are eligible for their combined total.
- This grant is for new ideas and materials. The grant is not intended to purchase general supplies or to fund regular classroom requirements.
- The Foundation does not fund grants for food or t-shirts.
- If you are unsure about your idea for a grant project, send it in anyway. The Education Foundation wants to support and encourage our teachers however it can. *We want to give you our money.* ☺
- If you have questions about this grant process, please email Valerie Behm at the Central Office and she will forward your questions to the Grants Committee.
- Some previous years' grants are featured on the Foundation website www.lowelledgefoundation.org (applications are available on the website also).

Thank you again for your support of and interest in the Innovative Grant program. We look forward to receiving your grant requests.



Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation

Funding of Innovative Learning and Enhanced Programs for our Students

Innovative Grant Application

Mission Statement: To provide funding for innovative learning and enhanced programs for the students of Lowell Area Schools.

Each year, the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation makes available a sum of money to award grants for innovative and unique ideas proposed by teachers and staff members. Grants have a limit of \$750 per project. We would like to fund grants that provide equipment or experiences with lasting educational impact.

To be considered for a grant, please complete the following application and return it to the Runciman Administration Building (care of the Ed Foundation) by **October 6, 2008**. Applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified of the results by October 31, 2008.

Today's Date: _____

Applicant's Name (If more than one applicant, list the primary contact first.)

School Phone

E-mail Address

Building

Curricular Area of Project

Project Title

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Grant Request

Project Completion Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Building Principal

4. Will the project have impact beyond the current school year? If so, how?

5. How will the effectiveness of the project be measured or demonstrated?

6. Please attach a detailed itemized budget for the project.