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Lawrence Township Education Foundation Awards \$26,085 to LTPS for COVID-19 Response

Lawrence, NJ: The Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF) was created to be a bridge between the Lawrence Township community and the public schools ~ to encourage private philanthropy to enhance public education for ALL students. Their mission is to foster educational excellence, creativity, and achievement in the Lawrence Township Public Schools. The LTEF remains committed to carrying out their mission and look forward to assisting Lawrence Township Public School teachers when school resumes as they implement the 33 grants that we funded for \$70,249 this spring. The spring grant cycle is normally the LTEF's last funding cycle of the school year. However, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. When schools closed, LTEF committed to working with school administrators to identify emerging needs based on the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April, the LTEF gave an unbudgeted grant to Lawrence Township Public Schools (LTPS) of \$26,085 for the purchase of 100 Google Chromebooks. These laptop computers will help bring educational opportunities into the homes of Lawrence students during the current school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The district has already distributed more than 150 Chromebooks to families in the district that did not have devices for virtual learning. However, devices are breaking and LTPS technicians cannot go into houses to repair or retrieve these devices. Additionally, replacement parts are unavailable at this time. As additional requests for Chromebooks continue to come in to replace broken devices, the LTEF is happy to step in and fulfill this need. These Chromebooks will ensure that teaching and learning in Lawrence can continue remotely for students who otherwise wouldn't have access to educational opportunities online. The Lawrence Township Education Foundation would like to thank the Lawrence Township community for their ongoing support, which has enabled the LTEF to provide additional funding to LTPS during these extraordinary times.

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Caption for attached photo:

Pictured here: Dr. Andrew Zuckerman stopped by the Karen Faiman's (Executive Director of the LTEF) mailbox in early April to get a check for \$26,085 for Chromebooks.