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Lawrence Township Education Foundation Awards \$46,309 to Public Schools

LAWRENCE, N.J. - The Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF) recently awarded \$46,309 in support of 25 innovative programs throughout the Lawrence Township Public Schools. The grants, awarded to district teachers and administrators, will provide funding for projects and programs that are outside of the regular budget and will have a substantial and lasting impact on Lawrence Township public school students.

On the elementary school level, multiple grants were provided. At Lawrenceville Elementary School (LES), two grants were awarded. One will place phrases, words, and quotes on the walls of LES to provide learning opportunities for students and teachers alike to help develop a deeper and more personal understanding of the world they live in. Educators at Eldridge Park Elementary School received two grants, including one that will provide Lite-Brites for fun, creative, and targeted opportunities for K & 1st graders to develop much needed fine motor skills in preparation for and in tandem with developing hand writing skills. Slackwood School received four grant awards. One will fund an assembly by the Latin Grammy-winning, husband-wife team 123 Andrés, which will provide character and Spanish education through music, dancing, and positive messages presented bilingually. Ben Franklin received two grants, one which will provide sensory tools to help improve student focus.

Lawrence Intermediate School students will benefit from six grants, including one that will replace and update the sound equipment used for concerts and musicals. Additionally, one grant provides classroom literature sets for 6th grade special education students that support the social justice and language curriculums while ensuring access to appropriately leveled novels for all students. Lawrence Middle School received four grants, including a grant for *GarageBand*, a music creation program and a workshop with a visiting jazz vocal artist! Lawrence High School received seven grants. Their students will benefit from a class set of electrophoresis tools that will provide a hands-on biotechnology experience for all life science courses. Also, one grant will equip a photography and audio production classroom with enhancements that will provide students with practical skills and understanding of modern techniques.

Since 1992, the LTEF has funded over 1,100 programs in the Lawrence schools with grants in excess of \$4.4 million. For a complete list of the grants, along with more information on LTEF and ways to support the Foundation, visit <u>www.ltefnj.org</u> or email info@ltefnj.org. Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF) raises funds from individuals, local businesses, corporations, and foundations for programs that foster excellence, creativity, and achievement in education for all students in Lawrence Township Public Schools. Through grant requests from teachers and school administrators, LTEF funds programs that will have a substantial and lasting impact on Lawrence Township public school students. As a result of these

grants, our Lawrence Township public school students have had the opportunity to take part in innovative classroom projects, use new technology, and have access to state-of-the-art equipment.

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The Lawrence Township Education Foundation presented checks in support of 25 grants to the Lawrence Township Public Schools at the March Board of Education Meeting. Pictured are representatives from the Education Foundation, Lawrence Township Public School Board of Education and administration, and many of the faculty and staff who received grants.