

NPSD Educational Foundation  
Board Report  
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This week I had the privilege of sitting on the Foundation's Grant Review Committee and selecting nearly \$14,000 of innovative projects to fund for the remainder of the school year. These 20 mid-year grants are in addition to the 24 grants already being supported this year worth more than \$13,000.

The new projects include TV equipment at the middle school and elementary school level, nanotechnology, building a coral reef ecosystem, field trips and much, much more. I want to thank the educators who took the time to apply for these grants, the Trustees and district staff who helped to review the proposals and the donors who make it all possible.

Speaking of donors, I want to thank Weiss Market who recently donated \$3,000 to the Foundation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. The EITC program is way for businesses to receive tax credit for donations made to the Foundation. This is an important funding source for us and will go toward STEM, telecommunication and technology needs within the school district.

The Foundation is currently accepting donations through its Staff Tribute Program where families can recognize district staff with a monetary gift to the Foundation. We are also working on a spring charity luncheon and May Day Online Auction.

I am also proud to report that three Foundation grants are being implemented this month in our schools. The projects include student television production, a visit to the Please Touch Museum for ESL students and the popular Vocab Bowl at NPHS.

Any questions about the Foundation can be directed to Christine Liberaski at the ESC.