

Dear Principal _____,

This funding request is for the purchase of *Scholastic Scope*, a powerful, award-winning resource for middle school English Language Arts classrooms.

With a subscription to *Scope*, our students will receive high-interest, culturally relevant reading materials that infuse excitement and meaning into their reading lives—every four weeks. Each issue contains literary nonfiction, read-aloud plays, short fiction, poetry, debates, paired texts, infographics, and short informational texts. These rigorous but accessible texts motivate even the most reluctant readers. Most importantly, the reading materials *belong to the students*.

Scope not only puts high-quality reading materials into student hands, but it also provides a complete, yearlong program that covers all areas of the English Language Arts curriculum and builds proficiency in essential skills. Teachers gain access to a wealth of unbeatable support materials that accompany each issue to help plan lessons around specific articles and stories and to connect the magazine content to their curriculum. The Teacher's Guide provides targeted support using research-based instructional strategies. Additional online resources fortify teachers' knowledge of the subject matter and extend classroom lessons.

Scope's support materials increase reading comprehension, vocabulary development, reading fluency and stamina, and writing skills across a variety of genres. Each issue comes with over 60 rigorous skill-building activities along with the differentiation tools needed to meet the unique needs of every learner, including audio read-alouds, vocabulary slideshows with audio-visual supports, articles and activities offered on different levels, and guided writing prompts. The magazine can be effectively used for individualized, small-group, or whole-class instruction, as well as for learning extensions and enrichment opportunities at school, after school, or at home.

By increasing motivation, reinforcing skills, and encouraging students to become active participants in their reading development, *Scope* can help close the achievement gap. Additionally, *Scope's* monthly family letters provide a valuable link between home and school and equip parents and guardians with strategies to use while reading with their children.

Attached to this letter, you will find an overview of the genres and skills this resource covers throughout the year, along with the differentiation, assessment, and standards information that will help us create a robust curriculum for all learners.

If you have any questions or need further information about *Scope* and its benefits for our students, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of our students, teachers, and school community.

Sincerely,