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Hamilton Educational Foundation (HEF) Awards \$7,500 in Grants to HTSD

Hamilton, NJ. Teachers in the Hamilton Township School District (HTSD) have been awarded \$7,500 in educational grants from the <u>Hamilton Educational Foundation</u> (HEF). Each year, the HEF supports classroom projects through grant funding. Their mission is to assist and provide supplemental assets to HTSD administrators, teachers, and students to enhance their educational experience.

"The teacher grants initiative has always been a key component of what we do to enhance the educational experience for Hamilton Township students. Many teachers often have new and innovative ways to improve the learning environment for their students, and the availability of this grant program enables them to provide a better experience without dipping into their own pocket. The support of the business community, as well as the teachers themselves, is an important funding mechanism for our organization and our efforts," stated Jack Blair, HEF President.

The HEF proudly celebrates 27 years of service to the district, having donated more than \$437,000 to HTSD through grants, scholarships, and special projects. The HEF recognizes the need to establish mutually beneficial relationships amongst our local business community, political leaders, private citizens, school administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students. As an independent entity, the HEF is a conduit for public education funding.

"The HEF has always provided our teachers with generous grants. This year they continued their generosity and we are appreciative. These grants provide our teachers with additional resources and materials to enhance the classroom experience for our students," expressed Dr. Scott Rocco, HTSD Superintendent of Schools.

The following HTSD teachers have received grants for the 2023-2024 school year: Melissa Brachelli, Wendy Balent, Matthew Koppenhaver, Jessica Eichhorn, Janice Zelins, Samantha Dow, Joe Hart, William Leonardo, and Janet Neis-Drobish.

For more information about the HEF and how you can support their mission, contact: HEF Grant Committee Chair, Angela Belmont via email HamiltonEdFoundation@htsdnj.org.



Photo Attachment: (pictured left to right)

Janice Zelins (Teacher), Samantha Dow (Teacher), Janet Neis-Drobish (Teacher), Angela Belmont, HEF Board Member, Matthew Koppenhaver (Teacher), Jessica Eichhorn (Teacher), Diana Vasil, Sayen Elementary School Principal, Richard Kanka, HTSD Board of Education, and Dr. Scott Rocco, HTSD Superintendent of Schools.

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