



Date: June 3, 2020 **UPDATED: September 2020**

To: Principals and Staff of Livonia Public Schools

Subject: 2020 - 2021 Grant Program

Dear Principals and Staff:

The LPS Education Foundation is pleased to announce a continuation of the grant program, the intent of which is to provide funds to schools to support their important work and the District's Shared Vision. We were extremely excited to see a great response from staff last year and the Foundation Board continues to be very motivated to support your work! The Foundation has awarded to date 130 grants for a total of \$243,149.98.

The annual grant application process will resume in the fall, with funding provided through the generous donations made by LPS staff members and other Foundation community donors. **NEW THIS YEAR: Our LPS Foundation is partnering with our district's Engagement In Equity committee to focus our teacher grants on ways to provide resources and professional development around equity in our classrooms. Grants could be used for diversity materials in the classrooms, like books with diverse characters or have themes on equity or diversity. The grant could also be used for providing books for a staff book study around equity, biases and diversity.**

Again, this year, any LPS staff member is empowered to submit an application for the grant beginning in the fall. Grant application forms, along with application guidelines and review criteria, are attached. **Applications must be submitted by October 23, 2020.** Each applicant will be notified of the results by email the week of **November 16, 2020.** Submission directions are included on the application form. Please direct any questions to Melodie Provencher at [melodieprovencher@gmail.com](mailto:melodieprovencher@gmail.com).

The Foundation Board is delighted to have the opportunity to offer this program to provide immediate and visible support. A reminder will be sent to employees in September.

Sincerely,

Lorna Durand, President  
LPS Education Foundation

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent  
Livonia Public Schools

Attachments

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