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New Hope-Solebury Education Fund Announces First-Year Grants for Ten Innovative Projects

Bill Scandone, President, New Hope-Solebury Education Fund announced today the Fund, has made its first grants totaling over \$44,000 to creative projects supporting educational excellence throughout the New Hope-Solebury School District. These projects will be implemented during the 2008-09 school year.

The projects include; enhanced fluency and comprehension by engaging students in oral reading, in-residence creative writing in concert with Princeton's McCarter Theater, technology supported music learning, and visual arts, enhanced library collections for guided reading, creating open space for reading and art display, ensuring a healthy playground environment, supporting ceramic arts, and culturally and socially diverse speakers series. Full descriptions of the projects are available at on the New Hope-Solebury School District website and the District's internal communication network (ListServ).

"We are elated to award these grants for aspects of the curriculum geared to our mission of providing students with a competitive scholastic advantage." However, we have \$15,000 more to raise this year to declare success for our first-year fundraising and provide the momentum and community support required to recognize the Fund's long-term sustainability. Business and community engagement is essential to our mission from both member and financial perspectives, said Scandone.

New Hope Mayor, Larry Keller, an advisor to the Fund urged individuals and companies in the New Hope-Solebury community to continue to support the Fund in its ongoing efforts to strengthen public education. "It is essential to give our students all the resources they need: equipment, software, outside speakers and in-kind support to develop and express their creativity. New Hope-Solebury has always been known for its originality and innovation and the Fund is another excellent example of creative action," Keller emphasized.

New Hope-Solebury School District Board member Larry Fieber, who is serving as board liaison to the Fund praised the Fund's leadership for its groundbreaking work and phenomenal first year success. "The school district has enthusiastically embraced this endeavor. I commend the outstanding efforts of our teachers, Dr. Boccuti, and Mrs. Katauskas, for their support of the Fund," said Fieber.

Peter Augenblick, Solebury Township Supervisor, and former School Board President stated, “The New Hope Solebury Education Fund is off to a fantastic start”. It continues a long time local tradition of self-funding projects that its contributors feel are important. The Fund provides projects to support educational excellence, and is a great concept worthy of your support.

The Fund is an independent, nonprofit organization that raises money and arranges in-kind contributions to support educational excellence for students in the school district. Many school districts throughout the United States have education funds to supplement school funding.

You can support educational excellence in our community by becoming a Fund contributor. Tax-deductible donations are made to New Hope Solebury Education Fund/Princeton Area Community Foundation and sent to:

Princeton Area Community Foundation
15 Princess Road
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648

Those interested in becoming a Committee Member of the Fund can contact Bill at billscandone@comcast.net or call him at 215-862-1641.