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To: Dr. Patricia Aubin, Superintendent of Schools

From: Lynne J. Doblin, Senior Vice President

Subject: Learning Excellence Grant Awards, Spring 2009

The Foundation for Belmont Education is pleased to announce and summarize the awards granted to date for this academic year. We are grateful for both the continued interest of teachers and administrators in the Learning Excellence Grants Program, and for the great care taken in the preparation of applications for these awards. Both the number and quality of grant requests submitted in this cycle were especially high. I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting of April 6, 2009, the Foundation's Board of Directors approved a second cycle of 12 Learning Excellence grants totaling \$25,468. Cycle 1 funding awarded this past fall was \$11,512. Thus, total Learning Excellence grant support for the 2008-2009 school year is \$36,980--a 28% increase over last year.

Including these grants, the Foundation has awarded, since its inception in 1993, a total of 451 grants totaling \$1,692,298. You and your administrative and teaching colleagues have our gratitude for your stewardship of these funds. It is the Foundation for Belmont Education's pleasure to provide this well-deserved support to the Belmont Public Schools. We look forward to making many more grants to our schools in the coming years.

cc: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair, Belmont School Committee  
Mr. Denis Fitzpatrick, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Christine Francis, Principal, Burbank Elementary School  
Mr. Bruce MacDonald, Principal, Butler Elementary School  
Ms. Amy Wagner, Principal, Wellington Elementary School  
Ms. Janet Carey, Principal, Winn Brook Elementary School  
Ms. Deborah Alexander, Principal, Chenery Middle School  
Ms. Christine Worcester, Chenery Middle School  
Ms. Martha Bloom, Belmont High School  
Mr. Michael Harvey, Principal, Belmont High School  
Mr. William Pappazisis, Director of Fine and Performing Arts  
Ms. Janice Darias, Director of Foreign Language  
Ms. Patricia Soliozy, Director of Mathematics  
Mr. Steven Mazzola, Director of Technology  
Mr. Michael McAllister, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Larry Weathers, Director of Science, Health and Technology Education  
Mr. James Davis, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Student Activities  
Dr. Gerald Missal, Director of Finance and Administration  
Ms. Donna Pini, Secretary to the Director  
Ms. Susan Smith, Treasurer, Foundation for Belmont Education  
Ms. Lynne Polcari, President, Foundation for Belmont Education

**Spring 2009 Learning Excellence Grant Program  
Program and Executive Committee Recommendations to the FBE Board  
Meeting of April 6, 2009**

**LEGP Spring Cycle Requested: 17 proposals totaling \$31,278  
Recommended for Funding: 12 proposals totaling \$25,468**

**LEGP Fall Cycle Approved: 7 grants totaling \$11,512  
LEGP Fall Cycle Approved *plus* Spring Cycle as Recommended: \$36,980**

Applicant & School	Project Description	Amount Requested	Running Subtotal, if Funded
Jean Manes (BHS)	"Real Time Science Using Lab-Quest Technology," purchase of new microcomputer-based technology and handheld probes to do data collection and analysis in all science fields at BHS.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Patty Soliozy (All Elementary)	"Assessing Math Concepts Training," professional development for all kindergarten teachers in math assessment; aimed at early intervention.	\$4,860	\$9,860
Layne Millington (BHS)	"Belmont Honors Student Program: Achievement Gap Initiative," provides a summer transitions course for METCO students to promote enrollment and success in Honors courses and provides SAT preparation to help upperclassmen improve standardized test scores.	\$3,200	\$13,060
Michael Harvey (BHS)	"Improve Access and Achievement of Students with Disabilities at BHS," professional development for general education and other teachers at BHS on how to accommodate students on IEPs, and to improve their representation and success in Honors courses.	\$2,520	\$15,580
Mary Dominguez (All Elementary)	"Updated Science Teacher Guides," replacement of teacher guides (circa early '90s) for grade 3 Circuits and Pathways Unit and Grade 2 Soils Unit. All teachers, all 4 schools.	\$4,768	\$20,348