



Dear Friend of HF-L CSD,

Many of you are familiar with the struggles of school districts all across the state to deal with ever tightening budgets. To help alleviate the problem in the HF-L CSD, a group of parents and educators formed the HF-L Education Fund. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the education of the children in our community by making annual grants available to teachers and students at each school in our District. Since its inception three years ago, over \$8,500 in grants have been delivered for educational projects in our District.

All money raised for the Education Fund goes directly to the Fund and stays in our District. At our annual "HF-L's Got Talent" competition last month, \$480 was raised through the evening's raffle. Please be on the lookout for our next fundraiser that incorporates "Staff Appreciation Week" in May. Forms will be handed out to all students in the district who will have an opportunity to make a small donation in their favorite teacher's name. (Students may recognize more than one teacher or staff member.) The suggested donation is \$5. We're very hopeful that this new fundraiser can take the Education Fund to the next level of assisting our teachers and students in their worthy endeavors.

Please note this year's important dates for applications for the Education Fund's grant process:

- March 16 - General announcements across the district will be made encouraging faculty and students to apply for a worthy grant.
- April 24 - Applications should be submitted to the committee for pre-approval regarding format and standards.
- May 1 - Final applications are due.
- May 22 - Grants will be announced.

In the past year, the Education Fund has made the following grants:

School Moves - 2nd year funding for Lima School to improve student performance

Stream Waders - For use by 9th–12th graders in exploring the Finger Lakes Regional Monitoring Network

Human Powered Pedal Generator - For continued use by high school students for exploration and scientific investigation

Outdoor Classroom - Music and movement outdoor classroom at Lima Primary

Current members of the HF-L Education Fund are: Drew Costanza, Lynley Guckian, Laurene Hofmann, Lisa Moosbrugger, Tracie Mustardo, Michael Silverstein, Janet Somes and Deric West. Any enthusiastic individuals who believe in our mission to enrich the education experience at HF-L should contact Lauri Hofmann at hofmann65@yahoo.com and discuss joining the above board members to make a difference in our district. The committee meets about once every other month, so there is not a very strenuous time commitment.