Dear Teachers, Staff and Administrators,

The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) thanks you for taking the time to research, plan and submit your grant requests for the academic year 2015/2016. This year we are planning to combine our Mini grants ($1000 and under) and our Star grant (over $1000) applications under one deadline, November 16, 2015. We are requesting the combined earlier date so that HFEE may reach out to our community and beyond with requests to fund specific grant projects. This funding, in addition to monies raised at our Gala, will help us fund more grants than ever before.

Last year our grant funding grew significantly. HFEE was able to fund $5172 in Mini Grants and $40,485 in Star grants, for a total of almost $46,000. This is a 90% increase in the amount of grants funded over the previous year. In 2015/2016 we would like to fund even more. Our mission "dedicated to enhancing the quality of education, the arts and athletics in the Huntington School District by raising funds for educator generated grants, which are not supported by NYS Education or district budgets," continues to be the mainstay of our organization.

Attached you will find the grants application for both Mini and Star grants. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before submitting applications and please respond by the deadline dates. Many of our smaller grants have had a profound impact on educational initiatives throughout the district. Be creative! A few good questions to ask yourself may be "How can we enhance the “educational process” and “What can we do better to help our students learn”? We also request that you include as much detail concerning your request as possible, both financial breakdowns of the cost of the grant as well as specific details of the process and outcome. In addition to submitting your grant, we will host a “listen and learn” meeting in January where educators who submit grants can present to the HFEE board all aspects of the grant. The purpose of this meeting is to give everyone a chance to speak about the goals and details of the grant and also will allow us to ask questions, thereby making this process efficient and transparent.

In order to be both fiscally responsible and environmentally conscious, HFEE will not be distributing hard copies of the applications and will make additional forms available for downloading via the HUFSD website under the HFEE link, as well as on our website, huntingtonfoundation.org.

The HFEE board looks forward to another great year of grant requests from our very dedicated educators in the Huntington School District. Please feel free to reach out to Mike Grassi atmgrassi.hfee@gmail.com, (631-827-5077), with any questions.

With sincere thanks,

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