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Hello Neighbors,

The Weston Education Foundation (WEF) is proud to be celebrating its 25th year of supporting creativity and innovation in education in Weston. Your generous donations have allowed us to fund and support amazing initiatives in our schools and community.

**Over \$850,000 in Grants Awarded since 1994**

WEF grants have been instrumental in bringing Weston schools forward in the areas of technology as well as the arts. Through your donations, we have also been able to support well-loved programs in our community such as the Weston Library MakerSpace; classes at Lachat Town Farm; the Weston Historical Society’s Oral History Project; and the Ms. President US program sponsored by Weston WOW.

**Current Initiative – Emotional Intelligence**

WEF is currently in the second year of a three-year grant to the Weston Schools to provide professional development for staff and curriculum for students in the area of emotional intelligence. This work builds on the district’s past efforts and extends that learning for students in all grades, particularly in grades six through twelve. Staff and students are learning skills in the areas of mindfulness, distress tolerance, interpersonal effectiveness and emotion regulation. As a result of this training, the district will also be offering parent workshops to help Weston parents understand the skills their children are learning.



Michael Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services for Weston Public Schools, states, “WEF has been an invaluable partner in this important work. Without WEF’s support, this initiative would not have the success and momentum that it has with our staff and students.”

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM 25 YEARS OF GRANTS FOR EDUCATION**

- 2019** WHS & WMS Wellness Skills Program \$24,500
- 2018** Weston WOW Ms. President US \$1,000
- 2017** WHS Honors Science Research Class \$48,750
- 2016** Town Library Maker Space \$1,500
- 2015** Historical Society Oral History Project \$1,500
- 2014** WIS & WMS Robotics \$20,000
- 2013** Music Composition \$5,000
- 2012** Entrepreneurship \$12,000
- 2011** Academic Innovation and Measurement (AIM) \$50,000
- 2009** High School TV Studio \$147,000
- 2008** Tang Math Workshops \$6,300
- 2007** Writers Workshops \$5,000
- 2004** SMART Board Systems \$47,260
- 2001** Wireless Library \$30,350
- 1999** Network Printers \$13,500
- 1998** High School Media Lab \$80,000
- 1996** High Speed Internet Access \$33,000
- 1995** Data Video Projector \$6,180

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Please join us in our efforts to empower Weston students of all ages. To our many past donors, thank you in advance for your continued support. If you're just getting to know WEF, please consider donating. Every grant dollar stays in Weston. Any amount is helpful and appreciated as we embark on our next 25 years of support for education. Thank you!

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