



A Community of Learners

Informational Memo - Donation- FY18 Winnetka Public Schools Foundation Grants- 2018-2019

TO: School Board
Superintendent Kocanda

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Overview & Background

Each year the Winnetka Public Schools Foundation (“Foundation”) raises funds from the community for the benefit of the District’s students and staff. Most of the money raised is provided to the District in the form of grants to fund innovative educational activities or programs. The grants are awarded on a competitive application basis, with the winners selected by a committee of incoming and outgoing Foundation Co-chairs and District personnel. For the 2018-2019 school year a total of **\$105,000** was provided by the WPSF. The detail of these grant allocations is provided in the detailed annual plan, [click here to view](#).

One change from past practice is the allocation of Core Plus funds. Core Plus is intended to support requests for instructional materials and professional resources that go above and beyond what is traditionally provided by the District. Typically, core plus goes towards supporting curriculum the year after an adoption. This year, there is no content area at this point in their curriculum cycle. Instead of focusing on a specific content area for Core Plus, the Winnetka Public Schools Foundation will be partnering with District 36 to launch a Learning Space Design Team impacting all disciplines. This team will focus on the effective use of learning space design in teaching and learning. ([See attached explanation](#))

The District's students are very fortunate to benefit from the efforts and support of the Foundation. The grants offer a meaningful contribution to the educational program of the District.