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June 6, 2008

To: Ramapo Central School District Staff Member

Re: REACH Foundation of Rockland, Inc. Grant Program – Fall 2008

Dear Ramapo Central School District Staff Member:

The REACH Foundation of Rockland, Inc. is delighted to announce grant opportunities for the 2008-9 school year. Grant applications are due by Monday, October 13th, and funds will be available to grant recipients by the end of November.

One of the goals of the REACH Foundation is to support and enhance the educational experience of Ramapo Central students. The REACH Foundation is looking for programs that exhibit innovation and creativity and/or improve the quality of life in our community. Through this grant process, REACH hopes to encourage creativity and the hard work of our staff and students.

Some of the projects that REACH has funded in the past are listed on our website at <http://www.reachfoundation.org/grants.asp>.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by submitting a project proposal for grant funding. We look forward to working with you this year, and in future years, to provide the best possible opportunities for our students and community.

Sincerely,

Robin Steinman
Board Member, Grants Committee Chairperson

GRANT GUIDELINES

Application Process

Applications must be submitted and postmarked on or before October 13th, 2008. **Grant applications in the amount of \$1,000 or less will be given priority**, however grants of any amount will be considered. The application should be typed and signed, either on this form or replicated on a computer.

To obtain an electronic version of this form please visit our website at www.reachfoundation.org and click on the Grant Section. Please attach additional pages only if necessary. The Grant Committee will review all applications and make a recommendation for funding to the Foundation Board of Directors.

All applicants will be notified of the results within six weeks of the deadline for submission. Grants will be awarded at the Board of Education's November meeting. Follow up progress reports are due from grant recipients within 30 days of the project completion date. Relevant photos are also appreciated. *Grant funds are to be used within an 18 month period.*

If there are any questions, please email the Reach Foundation at: reachfoundation@aol.com. All questions should be submitted before October 10th, 2008. Please submit applications to:

The Reach Foundation of Rockland, Inc.

PO Box 760

Tallman NY 10982,

or e-mail your completed application to [**grants@ReachFoundation.org**](mailto:grants@ReachFoundation.org).

Grant Criteria

The Grants Committee will use the following criteria when reviewing proposal-funding requests. The numbers in parentheses indicate total points possible.

1. How is this project innovative or creative? (15)
2. What is the educational value of this project? (25)
3. How many students are involved or affected by this project? (20)
4. How does this project fulfill an unmet need? (20)
5. Are the resources purchased for this project reusable? (15)
6. To what degree does this project encourage volunteer service? (5)

Please be sure to address the criteria in your grant application. If your project encourages student volunteer services, improves the quality of life in our community or requests equipment, please be sure to elaborate in the project description. The Foundation may not be able to fund all requests for budgetary reasons, even though a rejected request may be a beneficial project. The more criteria a request meets, the more likely it will be funded.

REACH grants are intended for items that, in general, are outside the scope of what can be funded by Ramapo Central. Requests for non-standard equipment, software or other resources that cannot be funded by Ramapo Central will be considered. If your grant request requires equipment or hardware, please explain whether it has already been requested from the district, and what response, if any has been received.

Applications requesting multiple year funding, teacher stipends, student scholarships, or teacher travel expenses will not be funded. Proposals to fund existing projects are discouraged unless the project will change significantly from its current status.

GRANT COVER PAGE

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Position(s): _____

School(s): _____

Grade Level: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Start Date _____

Project End Date: _____

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