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To Whom It May Concern,

Listed below are the activities and projects supported by the Educational Foundation of the Chesters.

2017-2018 School Year

Dickerson School

- Using yoga to create mindfulness and a positive classroom learning environment - *Awarded to Katherine Cianci*

Bragg School

- Students in the Environmental Club will be growing vegetable and herbs in a hydroponic tower and then teaching their peers the benefits of farming with no soil. - *awarded to Melissa Bene and Lisa Pennella*
- Students in Grades 2-8 will get to experience and explore the world through virtual reality by using Google expedition. - *awarded to Michele Stanton and Technology Coaches*
- Students in grade 3 will get to experience the assembly "Conversations with Anne Frank." The goal in teaching students about World War II and the Holocaust is to help them develop a positive self-image, behave as responsible individuals and accept differences. - *awarded to Danielle Meekings*
- Two Gaga Pits will enhance the physical education curriculum by giving the school another avenue/activity to teach/refine teamwork, sportsmanship, confidence, trust, acceptance, and physical activity

Black River Middle School

- Sponsoring exhibits at the Chester Science Fair. This district wide event allows students to apply their science, math and communication skills at work in an advanced forum where they can investigate a subject of their choice in detail. - *awarded to Michael Stagg*
- Visit by Franny Briggs who is conducting her fellowship at the Kopila Valley School, which is an outgrowth of the non-profit organization Blink Now. She will bring first hand experience about living and working at the school in Nepal. - *awarded to Janet Aaronson.*
- A new tuba and piccolo for the Black River Middle School music program. The instruments will provide balance to the music program since these instruments are two extremes- high and low! - *awarded to Kenneth Piascik*

Sincerely,

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