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November 27, 2023

Dear Members of the Maranacook Area Schools Community,

First and foremost, we want to thank you and say that we truly appreciate your help in supporting the community we all love. The Maranacook Education Foundation (MEF) board is especially grateful for our generous donors, who recognize the importance of funding in-depth, hands-on learning opportunities that directly benefit Maranacook community students and families. We know that donors like you must make hard choices about what they fund, and we hope you will consider investing in our students through MEF.

Last year, the Foundation supported many educational grants and scholarships. One teacher commented on the importance of these grants by saying "MEF's grants have allowed me to provide social and emotional classroom supports and activities to all my students". Another recipient said, "without crucial funding from MEF community grants, we would not be able to provide critical watershed science programming for our future watershed stewards".



The students above all participated in MEF grant programs that enriched their learning experience.

The number of funding requests for our educational efforts continues to increase, and we are hoping to fund even more creative educational initiatives that benefit our students. In addition, MEF is proud and honored to continue to fund and support the Maranacook food pantry. As we all know, hungry kids are not able to focus on learning and the food pantry helps address this challenge. Because of the growing needs of students and families, we ask that you please consider increasing your support to MEF so we can help meet these urgent and critical community needs.

Generous donors like you who live and work among us, have helped MEF award almost \$90,000 to innovative learning projects based in and around our schools and community centers since 2007. Full project summaries from years past may be found at <a href="https://mef.maranacook.org/">https://mef.maranacook.org/</a>.

At MEF our goal is simple, we intend to leave our community a better place, enriched by supporting educational efforts to improve where we live and work. We rely entirely on donations and hope you will help again this year. You may use the enclosed envelope or donate directly online using PayPal™ from our website <a href="https://mef.maranacook.org/">https://mef.maranacook.org/</a> by clicking on Donate. We gladly accept gifts any time of year that works best for you. Thank you so much for supporting our students and improving our community.

Sincerely,

Doug Boyink, President
Maranacook Education Foundation

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