



Groton Dunstable Education Foundation

... helping our students "Reach for the Stars!"

Presentation to the
Dunstable Selectmen
June 13, 2011

Our Mission

The Groton Dunstable Education Foundation, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization committed to enhancing the success of our public schools by providing private funding for innovative, inspiring programs and opportunities. This community-driven foundation believes that each child deserves an excellent educational experience, and that supported and successful schools are fundamental elements of our special communities.

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Accomplishments

- GDEF has funded 197 grants totaling \$281,644
- Recent fundraising successes:
 - *Octoberfest 5K*
 - *Charity Concert/Trivia Nights*
 - *Annual Giving Campaign/Teaching Stars*
- Grant Writing
 - *Bruce J. Anderson "Integration of the Arts"*
 - *Boston Bruins Foundation*
- Strengthening ties with other organizations who support the schools

Grants

- 197 grants totaling \$281,644
- All schools/curriculum areas
- 16 cycles, approximately \$20-40K disbursed annually
- 2 cycles per year (Fall-mini-grants & Spring-regular)
- Teachers, staff, community members & organizations with district sponsor can apply
- Grant process

Octoberfest 5K, Walk & Kids Run



Charity Concert/Trivia Nights at Main Street Café



Annual Giving Campaign & Teaching Stars

Annual Giving Campaign

- Direct solicitation
- Kick off in November/December
- In response to move away from events-based fundraising
- \$25K annual goal

Teaching Stars

- Holiday time/year end
- Recognize outstanding staff
- \$ goes directly back to schools

Grant Writing

- Seeking \$\$ from outside foundations
- Researching & finding a match
- Successes:
 - *Bruce J. Anderson "Integration of the Arts"*
 - *Boston Bruins Foundation*
- Big picture: Identify district needs and continue to approach funding sources

Challenges

- Budget cuts impact volume and nature of funding requests
- Fundraising – Events & Annual Giving Campaign
- Recruiting volunteers

Future Endeavors

- Community presentations to promote awareness
- Grant Celebration
- 2nd Annual Oktoberfest 5K – Sunday October 2nd
- Collaborate with district on technology initiative
- Collaborate with district organizations on potential fundraising event

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And help our students
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