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Dear Westfield Parents and Guardians,

Since 1991, the Ed Fund has funded programs to support educational excellence and innovation in our schools. Through grants to teachers, we support great ideas that enrich and energize students' academic experience but fall beyond the school district budget. In the past five years alone, we have invested \$150,000 in grants to our schools, reaching every school in the district and every area of the curriculum.

Recent projects include:

- A competitive robotics team at Westfield High School
- Chromebook class sets to support project-based learning in social studies at Westfield High School, Edison, and Roosevelt
- Materials for Makerspaces at McKinley, Tamaques, and Roosevelt
- Project Adventure curriculum materials to support social-emotional learning at Washington
- Listening center materials to support literacy at Wilson
- Flashmasters devices to support math learning at Franklin
- Interactive whiteboards at Lincoln

Across the country, schools are experiencing significant funding challenges. In Westfield, federal and state funding accounts for only 8% of the budget, leaving 92% dependent on local property tax dollars. The Westfield Board of Education has done a lot to improve operational efficiencies and has brought down the average cost per pupil to \$17,450, well below the State average of \$19,651. As a result, the Board is faced with difficult budgetary choices each year.

Private funding has become a necessity to ensure that our schools can continue to provide the high quality education we have come to expect from them. Our teachers and administrators are being asked to do more with less. We need your help to ensure our children continue to benefit from new programs and cutting-edge ideas. We hope you will give generously to help us support high quality, innovative programs in our schools.

Visit <http://westfieldnj.com/edfund> to make your tax-deductible donation on-line or use the form on the next page. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Breslow  
President

You can donate by returning this form and check to any school office, mail it to the address below or on-line at our website: <http://westfieldnj.com/edfund>

**The Education Fund of Westfield, Inc., P.O. Box 2221, Westfield, NJ 07090-2221**

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