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Dear Principals and Secretaries,

The Board of the Eugene Education Foundation would like to compliment you and your staff on the outstanding quality of this year's grant applications. It is clear that everyone is committed to making a difference for as many students as possible. The EEF Board and donors are delighted to be able to support your efforts. A representative of EEF will be in touch with you next week via email regarding which of your grants have been funded. Funds will be transferred to the school district grants office in early January.

Most of you know that EEF has undergone some significant changes this year. Just a few months ago, new staff was hired to serve you and our donors. Dana Fleming and Rebecca Sprinson have each been working diligently to establish relationships with you and donors and to make EEF even more responsive to the needs of our schools and community. We have received some lovely feedback from you. Thank you.

The purpose of this message is to let you know of another change. We have thought long and hard about this change and have visited with both administrators and teachers about it. Everyone with whom we have spoken believes it is definitely a change for the better. In the past, grant applications to EEF were due in the fall. This practice resulted in burdening schools with the challenge of gearing up to write, prioritize, and submit these grants during the busiest time of the year. In addition, grant reporting was required before the end of the school year, another burden at a time when everyone is extremely busy. Also due to this timeline, funding has not been available until January, thus shortening the amount of time schools had to complete projects.

In the future, grant applications will be due in the early spring. This will allow schools to be more reflective about needs during less hectic times of the school year. Granting decisions will be made by the EEF Board prior to the end of the school year, and funding will be available in September. Grant reports will not be required until the end of June, allowing for an entire year to implement the programs. This process will begin this spring. Donations from our winter fundraising campaign and our annual fundraising dinner, now scheduled for the evening of [March 1, 2016](#), will be dedicated to grants for the 2016-2017 school year. Unlike in prior years, we will not be using these donations to fund additional grants during January.

We will be asking for you to submit grant applications in early spring of 2016. You may simply re-submit the unfunded grants from the current cycle, or come up with a new set of requests. These will be the grants that will be funded for the 2016-2017 school year. We will once again ask that there be a prioritization process at your school as our ability to fulfill all requests may vary year to year. More information will be out after the first of the year. We hope that you are as excited by this shift as we are!

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

All the best,

Rebecca Sprinson
Executive Director

Dana Fleming
Development Assistant

Kevin Boling
Board President

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