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Decatur Township Educational Foundation Raises and
Distributes Funds for Innovative Programs

The Decatur Township Education Foundation has been in existence a little more than a year but has already had a big impact in the Decatur Schools granting some 15 projects worth over \$30,000. The Foundation has received an "A" for its efforts in raising and distributing funds for programs that enrich the learning of area students in all of the MSD of Decatur Township.

Projects have included an all school fine arts program focusing on African art and folk tales at one elementary school as well as students conducting research for the Library of Congress Veteran's History project, participation in a Renaissance Festival, and an Algebraic Canoe Adventure at the high school as other examples.

"We have an extremely hard working and committed group of trustees who, along with our donors, are making all of the difference in the world in this organization," said David Sease, Chairman of the Foundation. "The excitement of this group of people is contagious and they won't stop until they reach their goal."

The goal is to be able to generate annual funds of \$100,000 to sustain the Foundation for the future. As the group kicks off their Annual Support Campaign for this year, they are excited to announce work on a new, large project involving advanced technology. The Polycom VSX 700 is a portable video conferencing system that can provide expanded learning opportunities and multiple uses in the schools. This system was chosen because it provides the industry's highest voice and video quality as well as its ease of use.

"We have never been able to offer this level of technology for students and staff," said Wes Sanders, Director of Technology for MSD. "The advantage of the portable video conferencing system is that distance learning opportunities can be moved from room to room and used anywhere on the school network, making this technology a readily available classroom learning activity."

The Annual Support Campaign will run from November 10 through December 9.

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