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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES DONATION FROM FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION (FPSF)

The Farmington Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Kathleen C. Greider are pleased to announce a \$10,000 donation from Farmington Public School Foundation (FPSF) to fund additional student technology tools for the purpose of supporting Farmington's remote learning program, *FPS Connected Learning (CL)*. Established in 1995, the mission of the FPSF is to fund innovative, educational programs that will excite and engage students, empower the creativity of teachers, and support the goals and mission of the Farmington Public Schools. The FPSF's generous donation is especially important as we face a global pandemic and students are engaging each day in remote learning. The FPSF regularly funds teacher initiated grants on an annual basis as well as large innovative grants in partnership with the Farmington school district. FPSF and its supporters seek to build continuous community and financial support for the Farmington Public Schools in order to ensure sustained excellence in our schools to allow students to thrive in a global economy. This donation is symbolic of the strong partnership that exists between the Farmington schools and the FPSF.

Tony Shockley, Chair of the FPSF stated, "In today's unprecedented learning environment, the Foundation's board unanimously agreed to make an immediate \$10,000 donation to Farmington Public Schools to provide Farmington students with Chromebooks to ensure a successful Connected Learning experience. This donation is in addition to the annual teacher grants that the Foundation expects to award later this year. To learn more about the Farmington Public School Foundation, please visit <https://www.fpsfoundation.org>. In making this donation, the Farmington Public School Foundation board expressly asked that I convey its deep appreciation to the all of the district staff, administrators and most importantly the teachers for once again demonstrating that the Town of Farmington is a model for education in the Farmington Valley and throughout the state."

Upon receiving news of the FPSF's donation, Superintendent Greider stated, "We are overwhelmed by the FPSF's generosity and partnership during this challenging time. The FPSF's donation will ensure students receive the necessary technology tools to continue to fully

engage in *FPS Connected Learning* each day during the school closure period. We are fortunate to work with an outstanding education foundation in Farmington made up of caring and supportive residents who put our students at the center of all decision making. The generosity and support of the FPSF during this unprecedented global pandemic will be remembered for many years to come. Although we are all facing this difficult time, we have experienced great kindness, care and generosity from our community. Our hearts are filled with appreciation and gratitude for the FPSF's generous donation and unwavering support."

Board of Education Chair Ellen Siuta stated, "On behalf of the Farmington Board of Education, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the FPSF for initiating a very thoughtful and generous donation to support our students and faculty in *FPS Connected Learning*. The FPSF is now celebrating their 25th year of funding innovative educational programming in Farmington. They have truly stepped up to support the learning and well-being of our students during a time when we needed them the most."

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