

Litchfield Community Schools Alumni Association Board

February 19, 2015

As an association we have raised over \$50,000.00 for the Litchfield community Schools over the past 5 years. The teachers and staff are very appreciative of our contribution to improving the educational experience for them and the students. We have upgraded the elementary math and reading curriculum as well as providing funds to replace the K - 12 math curriculum. Both programs are showing significant improvement in the class room.

Last year we raised \$7,500.00 to support the Academic Assistance Program. This is a tutoring program for middle school students who are in need of extra support to prepare them for High School. This is a critical time for students. If they do not have the necessary math and reading skills for High school they quickly become frustrated and leads to poor performance and many of them drop out of school.

Last December Dr. Helgeson attended the Alumni board meeting and presented two letters from teachers requesting our financial support. The Science teacher has requested help with disposing of old, outdated chemicals of which are improperly stored in soda bottles. This can be expensive these days since we can no longer just dump them into the sewer system. They are also missing a lot of instructional equipment for the Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes. He needs \$ 6,000.00 for the science classes and \$ 1,000.00 to help with proper disposal of the old chemicals.

The Social Studies teacher has requested updated Textbooks for US History, Government, World History, 8th grade Social Studies And economics. These Text books are over 30 years old and don't go past the Reagan administration. She can get text books for 20% off full price which would cost \$3,000.00. She is using online and materials that she creates and would really like new text books, especially for those who don't have access to a computer.

The Alumni board approved a fundraising campaign for \$ 10,000.00 to support these two requests. The school administration and staff is very impressed and appreciative of our members past financial support of LCS. The board feels that this is a good cause to support the future of the children of Litchfield.

The school has cut some administrative staff this year so in order to reduce their work load we are asking you to please send your tax deductible contribution to the Alumni Association Treasurer:

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