

## Litchfield Community Schools Alumni Association Board

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The Alumni Association has raised over \$60,000.00 for the Litchfield Community Schools over the past 6 years. The teachers and staff are very appreciative of our contributions toward improving the educational experience for them and the students.

We upgraded the elementary math and reading curriculum as well as providing funds to replace the K - 12 math curriculums. Both programs are showing significant improvement in the classroom.

In 2015, \$10,000.00 Raised:

We paid to properly dispose of outdated chemicals in the Chemistry lab, and purchase new chemicals and teaching aids. We also updated classroom equipment for Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes. In addition, the social studies teacher was able to purchase a set of 35 new U.S. History books.

The school also received a SIG grant which could only be used for Elementary classes. These additional resources are showing significant results and are now creating a good problem--how to keep the kids challenged as they move into Middle and High school.

For 2016, \$9,000.00 Requested

Last December, Dr. Helgesen attended the Alumni board meeting and presented two letters from teachers requesting our financial support. The English Language Arts teacher has requested \$6,000.00 to upgrade the literature and informational text for grades 7 through 12. The books requested would normally cost \$8,400.00, but because of the size of the order the supplier will provide them for a reduced rate of \$6,000.00.

The Social Studies teacher has requested \$3,000.00 to update textbooks for Government and Economics. These text books are over 20 years old and don't go past the Reagan administration. She is using online resources and materials that she creates and would really like new text books, especially for those who don't have access to a computer.

You can see the letters from the teachers on the alumni web site at <http://litchfieldalumni.org/lhsdnn> (click on the Fundraiser tab). In the lower right corner of the page are the links to the letters from the teachers.

The Alumni board approved a fundraising campaign for \$9,000.00 to support these two requests. The school administration and staff are very 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. To help reduce their work load, we are asking you to please send your tax deductible contribution to the Alumni Association Treasurer.

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