January 11, 2024

Dear Friends of P-H-M:

As residents of the Penn-Harris-Madison community, we hope you are inspired by the wonderful work that the P-H-M Education Foundation (PHMEF) does. Together, with your contributions and our shared vision to expand your child’s academic experience, we look forward to serving the community for years to come.

PHMEF provides the financial resources for our teachers through innovative programs where the dollars may not be available through traditional school corporation funding. With your support, we have provided 35 grants for the 2023 – 2024 school year. These innovative grants are available district wide and at all grade levels.

We continue to support programs such as: “Running is Elementary” for our fourth and fifth graders and our newest flagship STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program “Short Circuits” for all our third graders. PHMEF grants fund programs in the areas of reading, music, art, and sciences along with providing funding that supports the well-being of our students. For example, we recently purchased a washer and dryer for an elementary school and funded a hygiene closet at Penn High School. In today’s economy, we are seeing the demand for these basic needs more and more. P-H-M’s free and reduced lunch percentage has risen from just over 10% to 27% in the past 17 years. Our support is needed more than ever!

Your contributions to the PHMEF are vital to our ability in continuing funding these grants. Your generosity allows our teachers to share more of their time and talents thus enhancing the education of our children within our district.

Benjamin Franklin once said: “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

Please consider making an investment in our students, teachers, and community. The PHMEF kindly requests your help. You can donate now at phmef.org or send a check in the enclosed envelope. Your donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Most sincerely,

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